

Sail Away!



The Russian ship Kruzenshtern arrives in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, to participate in SAIL Amsterdam 2015.

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Columbian tall ship ARC Gloria is escorted by small boats as it arrives to participate in SAIL Amsterdam 2015, a five-yearly festival celebrating the Dutch capital's maritime history that is expected to draw some 2 million visitors, in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. The 9th edition of the nautical event runs until Sunday, Aug. 23 on and around the IJ river.

(AP Photo/Cris Toala Olivares)

AMSTERDAM (AP) — A flotilla of hundreds of tall ships and other boats of all shapes and sizes has sailed from the North Sea into Amsterdam for a five-day festival celebrating the Dutch capital's maritime history.

Sail 2015 started Wednesday with the clipper Stad Amsterdam surrounded by throngs of small pleasure boats leading a convoy of vessels along the North Sea Canal into the heart of the harbor area close to Amsterdam's central railroad station.

Thousands of people packed the waterfront in Amsterdam where the ships moored and lined the canal leading to the city to watch their arrival, some with their crew members standing in the rigging.

The festival lasts until Sunday and organizers say it is expected to draw some 2 million visitors. □



Spectators take pictures as Russian tall ship the Sedov arrives in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, to participate in SAIL Amsterdam 2015, a five-yearly festival celebrating the Dutch capital's maritime history.

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Fogle to plead guilty to sex acts with minors, child porn

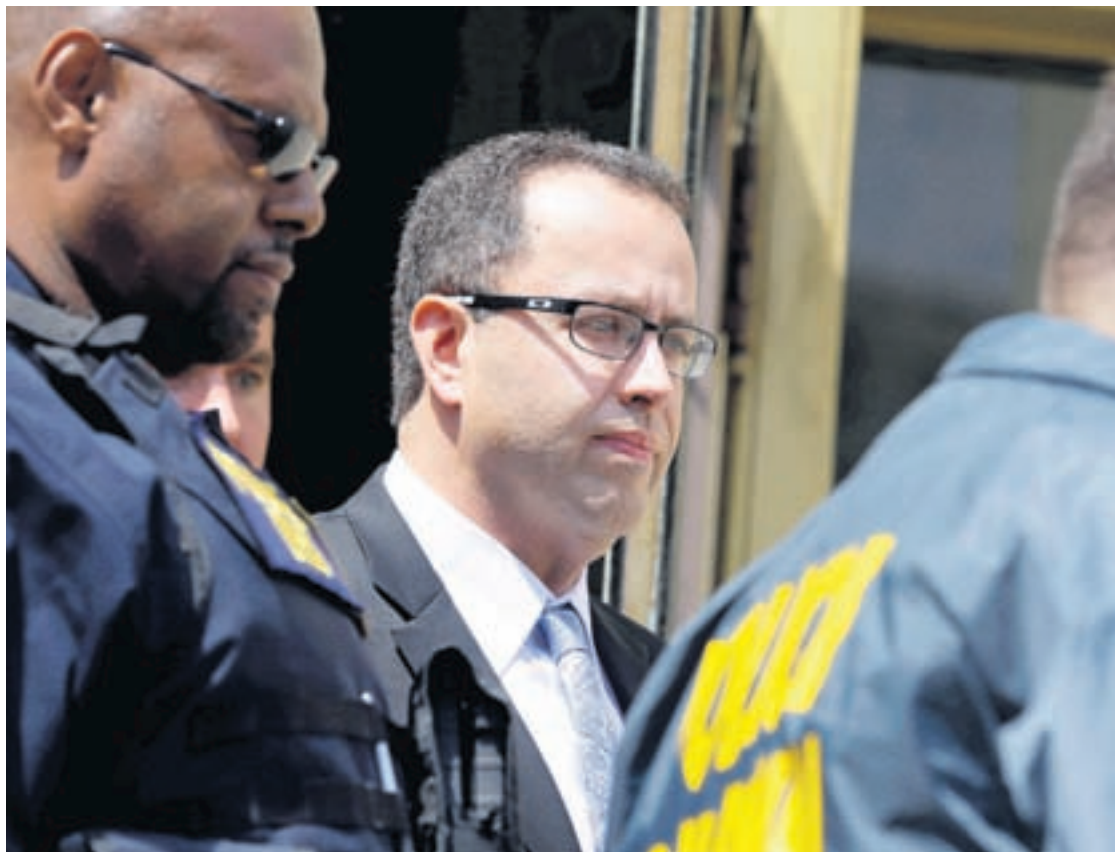
RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Longtime pitchman Jared Fogle agreed Wednesday to plead guilty to allegations that he paid for sex acts with minors and received child pornography in a case that destroyed his career at a sandwich-shop chain and could send him to prison for more than a decade.

Prosecutors alleged that Fogle knew the pornography had been secretly produced by the former director of his charitable foundation, which sought to raise awareness about childhood obesity and arranged for Fogle to visit schools and urge children to adopt healthy eating and exercise habits.

Authorities said Fogle offered to pay adult prostitutes a finder's fee if they could connect him with minors for sex acts, including some as young as 14 or 15 years old.

"This is about using wealth, status and secrecy to illegally exploit children," U.S. Attorney Josh Minkler said. A tight-lipped Fogle sat in federal court with his hands clasped and quietly answered "no" when the judge asked whether he had any questions about his rights. He is expected to enter the formal plea at a later date to one count each of travelling to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor and distribution and receipt of child



Former pitchman Jared Fogle leaves the Federal Courthouse in Indianapolis, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 following a hearing on child-pornography charges. Fogle agreed to plead guilty to allegations that he paid for sex acts with minors and received child pornography in a case that destroyed his career at the sandwich-shop chain and could send him to prison for more than a decade.

pornography. The agreement released by prosecutors said Fogle will pay \$1.4 million in restitution to 14 minor victims, who will each receive \$100,000. He will also be required to register as a sex offender and undergo treatment for sexual disorders. The government agreed not to seek a sentence of more than 12½ years in prison, and Fogle agreed not to ask for less than five years, according to court documents.

Federal judges have wide discretion in sentencing,

and Fogle could get a longer sentence. The child-porn charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The count involving sex with a minor is punishable by up to 30 years.

Fogle "knows that restitution can't undo the damage that he's done, but he will do all in his power to try to make it right," defense attorney Jeremy Margolis told reporters.

The married father of two, he added, has a "medical problem" and "expects to get well," but he did not

elaborate.

As Fogle left the courthouse, several people jeered him amid a throng of TV cameras, onlookers and protesters.

One man shouted, "Hey, Jared, leave those kids alone." Others waved signs accusing authorities of going light on Fogle while giving many minorities rougher treatment.

Fogle, 37, whose wife filed for divorce Wednesday, became Subway's pitchman after shedding more than 200 pounds as a col-

lege student, in part by eating the chain's sandwiches. He was the public face of the company for more than 15 years — a period in which its number of locations tripled, making Subway the world's largest restaurant chain.

Subway suspended the partnership in July after agents raided his home in the affluent Indianapolis suburb of Zionsville, and the chain said this week that it had ended its relationship with Fogle. Federal prosecutors alleged in the documents that Fogle traveled to pay for sex acts, including with minors, from 2007 until as recently as June and that he repeatedly planned business trips to coincide with his sexual pursuits. The court document detailing the charges against Fogle states that he paid for sex at New York City hotels with two girls under age 18 — one of whom was 17. But the plea agreement refers to the two girls as being 16, and that one of them also had sex with Fogle after she turned 17. Federal prosecutors could not explain the discrepancy between the two documents. One of the girls told investigators she had sex with Fogle three times in November 2012 and again two months later, in January. After their first meeting, Fogle allegedly texted the girl and offered to pay her a fee if she could find him another underage girl to pay for sex acts. □



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Pelosi:

House Democrats will sustain Obama veto on Iran deal



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif. speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington. The September vote on the Iran nuclear deal is billed as a titanic standoff between President Barack Obama and Congress. Yet even if lawmakers give it a thumbs-down, it's not game-over for the White House. Not even close.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

ERICA WERNER
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats have the votes, if necessary, to uphold President Barack Obama's veto of a resolu-

tion against his Iran nuclear deal, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said Wednesday. Pelosi said that if such a vote were held today there would be enough support among House Democrats

for Obama to prevail. That would take 146 House Democrats, and fewer than 60 have publicly declared their support so far. In an interview with The Associated Press, Pelosi

declined to disclose her private vote count but expressed confidence in the outcome.

"The president's veto would be sustained" if the vote were held today, Pelosi said, adding she hopes it doesn't get to that point. "But I feel very confident about it."

Congress will vote next month on a resolution to disapprove of the nuclear deal with Iran. Republican opponents expect to prevail on that vote, although the outcome is not certain. Even if the resolution of disapproval does pass the House and Senate, Obama has made clear he would veto it, focusing attention on efforts to override his veto. Doing so would require two-thirds votes in the House and the Senate, an outcome even Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has suggested is unlikely.

Two more Senate Democrats announced their support for the deal Wednesday, bringing the list of declared supporters in

that chamber to 25 with only two Democrats opposed. It would take 34 votes in the Senate to sustain Obama's veto, but it only takes one of the two chambers of Congress to uphold a veto.

Pelosi's comments came as Republicans sounded alarms over an AP report disclosing a secret agreement between Iran and the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency that would allow Iran to use its own inspectors to investigate a site it has been accused of using to develop nuclear arms. Pelosi shrugged off the revelation, noting it relates to an agreement over past nuclear development. She emphasized her support for the overall deal negotiated between the U.S., five other leading nations and Iran, which would require Iran to dismantle its nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief. "I truly believe in this agreement," she said. □

Clinton lawyer says email server was wiped clean

STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's personal lawyer has told a Senate committee that emails and all other data stored on the Democratic presidential candidate's computer server were erased before the device was turned over to U.S. government authorities. In a letter sent last week to Sen. Ron Johnson, the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, attorney David Kendall said the server was

transferred to the FBI on Aug. 12 by Platte River Networks, a Denver firm hired by Clinton to oversee the device.

The Senate committee made Kendall's letter public on Wednesday. In exchanges with reporters earlier this week, Clinton said she was not aware if the data on her server was erased.

Federal investigators, prompted by a request from the inspector general for the State Department, requested custody of the server to learn whether the

data stored on it was secure.

NBC News has reported that an FBI team is now examining the server. Forensics experts told The Associated Press this week that some emails and other data may still be extracted from servers even after they are supposedly expunged. Separately, John Podesta, Clinton's campaign chairman, told reporters Tuesday in Columbia, South Carolina that, to his knowledge, no other copy had been made of the server's contents other than those

her lawyers turned over to the FBI.

As campaign officials answered questions, one of Clinton's rivals said the email issue has become a distraction for the Democratic Party.

"I think that it's a huge distraction from what we should be talking about as a party," former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley told reporters in Nevada.

Instead, he said more debates should be held among the candidates to address raising the minimum wage, repairing the

country's infrastructure and other issues. "Until we do, our party's label is going to be the latest news du jour about emails and email servers and what Secretary Clinton knew and when she knew it."

Kendall, Clinton's long-time personal lawyer, said in his letter to the committee that both he and another lawyer at his firm were given security clearances by the State Department to handle a thumb drive that contained about 3,000 emails later turned over to the agency. □



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Defense cross-examines US girl who says student raped her

LYNNE TUOHY
Associated Press

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — A lawyer for a recent graduate of an elite prep school accused of raping a first-year student last year began cross-examining his accuser Wednesday, asking whether she told her close friend in graphic details which sex acts she was prepared to engage in.

Nineteen-year-old Owen Labrie is charged with raping the then-15-year-old girl at St. Paul's School in Concord two days before he graduated last year. Prosecutors have said the rape occurred as part of a tradition at St. Paul's called "Senior Salute" in which seniors try to have sex with or romance underclassmen. St. Paul's is a member of a group of elite U.S. prep schools and counts as alumni an international roster of senators, congressmen, ambassadors, Pulitzer Prize winners, Nobel laureates and World Series of Poker winners.

Defense attorney J.W. Carney, reading from a Concord police affidavit detailing the friend's interview, asked the accuser if she had talked to her friend about what she would let Labrie do to her.

The girl responded that she had no recollection of that. She testified that Labrie bit her breast and tried to pull her underwear off in a school building on May 30, 2014. On the witness stand, the girl said she was in pain when he bit her and during intercourse but said nothing to Labrie, who was 18 at the time.

She testified she felt "frozen" when he became aggressive and she initially felt like the sex assault was

her fault for not kicking or screaming or trying to push him off.

Labrie, of Tunbridge, Vermont, has pleaded not guilty to several felony charges and maintains the two had consensual sexual contact — a misdemeanor — but did not have intercourse, which would be a felony.

Carney told jurors Tuesday that emails between the two suggest the girl was a willing participant.

Carney, who minimized the Senior Salute element, read to jurors from a string of emails between the two before and immediately after they got together the night. In them, the freshman agreed to meet Labrie, saying "only if it's our little secret."

When questioned about seemingly breezy emails and Facebook exchanges in the hours after their encounter — including messages in which she repeatedly uses "ha ha ha"



Defendant Owen Labrie looks downward during a lawyer conference on the second day of his trial at Merrimack County Superior Court in Concord, N.H., Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. Labrie is accused of raping a 15-year-old freshman as part of the "Senior Salute," a practice of sexual conquest at the prestigious St. Paul's School in Concord.

(Geoff Forester/The Concord Monitor via AP, Pool)

— the now-16-year-old girl explained, "I didn't want to show weakness. ... I wanted to control a situation where I completely lost control."

The Associated Press generally doesn't identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted. The girl testified Wednesday

that when he tried to move lower on her body, she grabbed his head and said, "No, no, no. Keep it up here." □

Hackers expose millions on Ashley Madison site

RAPHAEL SATTER
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Hackers say they have exposed unfaithful partners across the world, posting what they said were the personal details of millions of people registered with cheating website Ashley Madison. A message posted by the hackers alongside their massive trove accused Ashley Madison's owners of deceit and incompetence and said the company had refused to bow to their demands to close the site. "Now everyone gets to see their data," the statement

said.

Ashley Madison has long courted attention with its claim to be the Internet's leading facilitator of extramarital liaisons, boasting of having nearly 39 million members and that "thousands of cheating wives and cheating husbands sign up every day looking for an affair."

Its owner, Toronto-based Avid Life Media Inc., has previously acknowledged suffering an electronic break-in and said in a statement Tuesday it was investigating the hackers' claim. U.S. and Canadian law en-

forcement are involved in the probe, the company said. The Associated Press wasn't immediately able to determine the authenticity of the leaked files, although many analysts who have scanned the data believe it is genuine.

TrustedSec Chief Executive Dave Kennedy said the information dump included full names, passwords, street addresses, credit card information and "an extensive amount of internal data." In a separate blog, Errata Security Chief Executive Rob Graham said the information released in-

cluded details such as users' height, weight and GPS coordinates. He said men outnumbered women on the service five-to-one.

Avid Life Media declined to comment Wednesday beyond its statement. The hackers also didn't immediately return emails.

The prospect of millions of adulterous partners being publicly shamed drew widespread attention but the sheer size of the database — and the technical savvy needed to navigate it — means it's unlikely to lead to an immediate rush to divorce courts. □

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Prosecutor: Mom, not legal system, to blame in sons' deaths

ANDREW HUGGINS

Associated Press

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio (AP)

— A mother accused of killing her three sons was dominated and isolated by her husband, a man nearly twice her age who had been her own mother's live-in boyfriend before they married, authorities said Wednesday.

Investigators believe Brittany Pilkington used each boy's comfort blanket to suffocate them in their crib or bed over the last 13 months, because she wanted her husband to pay more attention to herself and their 3-year-old daughter, Prosecutor William Goslee said.

Pilkington, 23, is jailed on murder charges in all three deaths, including her 3-month-old son Noah, who died Tuesday, less than a week after he was returned from protective custody on a judge's order.

Goslee said he won't likely seek the death penalty because of the background of Brittany Pilkington, including the fact she had been dominated by her husband Joseph Pilkington, 43, who had been her "semi-stepfather" at one point. Goslee said she ap-



This photo provided by the Logan County Jail shows Brittany Pilkington, who calmly called 911 to report her baby son wasn't breathing on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, and then hours later confessed to killing him and her two other young sons over the past several months, police said. Pilkington was charged with three counts of murder and was jailed Tuesday, said police in Bellefontaine, Ohio. (Logan County Jail via AP)

parently feared how the boys would grow up, and described her daughter Hailey as her only friend.

"It was her plan to eliminate male children in order that this father would have more attention available for her and for Hailey the daughter," Goslee said. "That's a fact."

Her uncle, Joe Skaggs,

was furious that a judge ordered the surviving children returned to the couple last week.

"Why would you give them back after a little boy just died and when you're in the middle of an investigation?" Skaggs, standing in front of his niece's apartment, told The Columbus Dispatch on Tuesday.

But Goslee said Wednesday they didn't have any evidence of a crime in the earlier deaths, and no one could have predicted Pilkington would kill her remaining son.

"Everybody that is involved in this is truly emotionally distraught — including myself, quite honestly — and it isn't because the system failed," Goslee said. "It's because this child is dead. This was not a foreseeable event."

The Associated Press left messages seeking comment from the attorneys who represented the Pilkingtons in the protective custody case as well as Logan County Family Court Judge Dan Bratka, whose ruling sent Noah and Hailey home.

The Pilkingtons were married in March 2010, when she was 18 and he was 38, and Gavin was born that June. Their other three children were born in quick succession.

Authorities had not been sure what caused the death of 3-month-old Niall Pilkington in July 2014, which was attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. After 4-year-old Gavin died in April, their daughter Hailey and the

newborn boy, Noah, were taken into custody with Logan County Children's Services pending an investigation.

Then on Tuesday, Noah was dead as well.

Joseph Pilkington, now 43, is not a suspect in the murders, Police Chief Brandon Standley said.

He came home from his job on a night shift Tuesday and tried in vain to revive Noah as Brittany Pilkington called emergency services yet again from their home in Bellefontaine.

"He's not breathing," Brittany Pilkington was recorded saying each time in a childlike voice.

"Gavin, wake up!" her husband shouted in April. Their daughter could be heard, too, repeating that her brother had become "white."

On Tuesday, a sleep apnea monitor pinged repeatedly as Joseph Pilkington shouted "Noah, what's going on?" and Brittany quietly responded to the dispatcher's questions. "I imagine he's probably bluish right now," she said.

The prosecutor said investigators obtained her confession after noticing her "flat" reaction to the deaths. □

US: Man arrested for hoax bomb threat at Statue of Liberty

JAKE PEARSON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)

— A man who used the name of a 1993 World Trade Center bombing conspirator and threatened to "blow up" the Statue of Liberty in April, forcing the evacuation of Liberty Island, has been arrested, federal authorities announced Wednesday.

Jason Paul Smith, who said in an emergency call he was Abdul Yasin, was ar-

rested in Texas, where he's charged with conveying false and misleading information and hoaxes, authorities said.

Smith, of West Virginia, who is not actually Yasin, identified himself as the only conspirator not to be captured in the 1993 bombing, and said he was an "ISI terrorist" when he called police from his iPad to say "that 'we' were preparing to 'blow up' the Statue of

Liberty," FBI special agent Alexander Hirst wrote in a complaint filed in federal court in New York.

Smith, 42, could face up to five years in prison if convicted. A federal public defender hasn't returned a message seeking comment on the case.

More than 3,200 people were removed by boats following the April 24 call, and bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in to make a

sweep of the island before officials determined there were no explosives. The statue, one of the nation's most visited landmarks, reopened the next day.

Smith, who attended a school for the deaf and the blind, used a service for the hearing impaired to place the emergency call, Hirst wrote. Another 18 emergency calls were made Jan. 29-31 from an email address on his iPad,

Hirst said.

On May 18, two other emergency calls made via the calling service for the hearing impaired — one threatening to "blow up a bridge at Times Square" and another threatening to kill officers at the Brooklyn Bridge — were made from an iPad at Smith's West Virginia address by a user who identified himself as an "Isis Allah Bomb maker," Hirst wrote. □

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US Financial Front: Consumer inflation slowed in July



A customer shops for home accessories at a Wal-Mart Supercenter store in Springdale, Ark. The Labor Department released its Consumer Price Index for July on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. (AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

M. CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The biggest drop in airline fares in nearly two decades slowed consumer inflation in July following two months of slightly faster gains.

The Labor Department said Wednesday that its consumer price index rose 0.1

percent in July following increases of 0.3 percent in June and 0.4 percent in May.

The July figures indicate that inflation pressures remain modest. But economists said the latest data is unlikely to derail expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates at its next meeting in Sep-

tember, given that the job market has strengthened considerably over the past year.

Core inflation, which excludes energy and food, rose just 0.1 percent in July, after a 0.2 percent June gain.

Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc., said that the lower inflation readings "could feed into a more cautious stance on the timing of liftoff" by Fed officials, especially in light of recent declines in global oil prices and China's recent devaluation of its currency. Both developments are expected to slow inflation in the months ahead. "We still think September liftoff is in the cards, but it is by no means a done deal," Shapiro said.

Energy costs edged up 0.1

percent in July and are 14.8 percent below the level a year ago. Food costs rose a modest 0.2 percent despite another big jump in the price of eggs, reflecting further fallout from the avian flu outbreak.

Over the past 12 months, consumer prices are up just 0.2 percent. Core inflation has risen a modest 1.8 percent.

A key price gauge that the Federal Reserve monitors has been running below its 2 percent target for inflation for the past three years. The Fed has said that it needs to feel "reasonably confident" that inflation is moving back to its 2 percent goal before beginning to raise interest rates.

The central bank has kept a key rate that it controls

at a record low near zero since December 2008. With the unemployment rate at a seven-year low of 5.3 percent, many private economists believe the Fed will finally start to raise interest rates at its next meeting on Sept. 16-17.

However, other economists argue that with inflation still so low, the central bank may decide to wait until December before beginning to raise rates.

For July, airline fares dropped 5.6 percent, the biggest decline since a 6.8 percent plunge in December 1995.

Shelter costs, the government's way to track the cost of owning or renting a home, rose 0.4 percent in July, the biggest increase in housing since February 2007. □

Fed last month appeared to be moving closer to rate hike

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve officials appeared to edge closer last month to a decision to raise interest rates as early as September. At the same time, officials remained concerned about low inflation, sluggish wages and a sharp slowdown in China — factors that will help determine whether they raise rates next month.

Minutes of the Fed's July 28-29 meeting released Wednesday indicate that officials thought they were nearing their goals on maximizing employment. But they seemed split, in particular, on whether

inflation had climbed enough to justify a rate increase.

"Members generally agreed that additional information on the outlook would be necessary before deciding to implement an increase in the target range," the minutes said. Details of last month's deliberations emerged four weeks before the officials will gather for a meeting at which most analysts still expect the Fed to raise its key short-term rate from a record low. The Fed has held that benchmark rate near zero since 2008, when the financial system was teetering and the economy had sunk into a deep recession. □



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EU bailout fund approves release of funds for Greece

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — European bailout fund supervisors on Wednesday approved the release of billions of euros to help rebuild Greece's devastated economy just as a new debt payment looms.

The move — a virtual formality — came after Germany's parliament approved the bailout package, along with the assemblies of other creditor nations, removing a big hurdle to release the new loans.

The European Stability Mechanism board said it "will provide up to 86 billion euros (\$95 billion) in financial assistance to Greece over three years." A first tranche of 26 billion euros (\$29 billion) can now be made available to meet Greece's debts and help recapitalize its banks.

Greece is due to make a new debt payment to the European Central Bank on Thursday.

Greece's finance ministry said it would get the first 13-billion-euro payment Thursday morning. It said 12 billion euros would go into a special account for paying off the country's debt, while the remaining funds would be used for things like settling arrears to public sector suppliers.

The total amount of funds will depend in part on Greece's success in implementing new reforms to streamline its economy, which are certain to mean more hardship for long-suffering Greek citizens. Money from privatization efforts could also reduce the

amount of loans needed. Despite International Monetary Fund calls for debt relief for Greece, many nations remain opposed and no such move will be examined by those nations

have difficulty getting her conservative bloc to sign on to the third bailout for Greece. Lawmakers voted 453-113 in favor, with 18 abstentions.

The Dutch parliament also

harsh critics of Greece, may have helped the cause.

Schaeuble told lawmakers that while voting in favor of the bailout wasn't an easy decision for him, approv-



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, center, stands between lawmakers after she casts her vote on a bailout package for Greece, in the German parliament Bundestag in Berlin, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015.

(AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

sharing the common euro currency before October. The chairman of the euro currency group, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, warned that Greece has a long and difficult road ahead.

"We will monitor the process closely," said Dijsselbloem after chairing the ESM board meeting. "It's not going to be easy. We are certain to encounter problems in the coming years but I trust we will be able to tackle them."

Beyond lifting a last obstacle, the result of the vote in Germany also dispelled speculation that Chancellor Angela Merkel would

approved the package earlier Wednesday.

Germany's endorsement was never in doubt but in a similar vote last month, 60 members of Merkel's conservative bloc voted against. Some local media had speculated that as many as double that could rebel this time as Germans are increasingly skeptical about giving Greece more money, but in the end only 63 from her bloc of 311 voted against.

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, a senior member of Merkel's Christian Democratic Party who has been one of the

al of the three-year loan package is "in the interest of Greece and the interest of Europe." Germany is the largest single contributor to the bailouts and many in Schaeuble's party remain skeptical. Merkel's coalition partner, the Social Democrats, and the opposition Greens also backed the deal.

In the Netherlands, a majority of lawmakers also backed the new Greek rescue after a heated debate in which Prime Minister Mark Rutte was attacked for reneging on an election pledge to not approve another bailout for Greece. □

Germany expects 800,000 migrants in 2015, 4x last year

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany could see as many as 800,000 migrants arriving this year — four times the number from last year, its interior minister said Wednesday.

Thomas de Maiziere told reporters more than 360,000 migrants have flooded into Germany this year, including a record of 83,000 in July that he predicted would be broken in August. Germany remains the top destination for refugees in Europe, receiving 43 percent of all asylum applications in the 28-nation European Union, he said, adding that Europe has to come up with a better way to share the burden.

"Germany cannot take 40 percent of all of the asylum seekers forever," he said.

The minister said temporary housing was in short supply but officials were working to resolve that. Germany has room for 45,000 people in temporary facilities but estimates it needs up to 150,000 places.

De Maiziere said government agencies had received "massive increases" in personnel to speed up the process of applying for asylum. Through July, Germany received 218,221 asylum applications, an increase of nearly 125 percent compared to the same period last year.

Germany is also looking at differentiating between refugees from war-torn countries like Syria, Iraq or Afghanistan, and the roughly 40 percent of asylum applicants who come from the Balkan nations.

In Geneva, the U.N. refugee chief, Antonio Guterres, told The Associated Press that Germany's outsize role in taking in migrants was "very probably unsustainable" and called for a broader response from the European Union. He said the situation pointed to "obvious dysfunction of the European asylum system." □

Moscow urges EU on Ukraine truce compliance

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov pushed Wednesday for European powers to get Ukraine to comply with a truce in eastern Ukraine.

The already shaky truce between government troops and Russia-backed rebels in eastern Ukraine was again thrown into question this week when overnight shelling from both sides

killed at least nine people. Moscow blamed Kiev for the surge of violence, while Kiev said the rebel fighters provoked it.

The leaders of Ukraine, Germany and France are to meet Monday in Berlin to discuss the uptick in fighting. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko is likely to meet senior EU officials in Brussels next week.

Lavrov said Wednesday he hopes Germany and France, as signatories of the February truce, "will do everything to make sure" Kiev complies with the deal.

The truce calls for the withdrawal of large-caliber weapons from the front lines and reforms to devolve power to Ukraine's regions.

NATO members discussed

Ukraine on Wednesday and "expressed their serious concern about the recent sharp escalation of violence," acting alliance spokesman Carmen Romero said in a statement. He said NATO stressed the need for all parties to de-escalate tensions and exercise restraint in eastern Ukraine. □

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Police hunt 'foreigner' in deadly bombing of Bangkok shrine

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Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — A police manhunt was underway Wednesday for an "un-identified foreign man" shown in a security video leaving a backpack at a popular Bangkok shrine just minutes before a bomb exploded there.

Two other people seen on the video near the man are also considered suspects in Monday's deadly bombing, police said.

Authorities released a sketch of the man who left behind the backpack and offered a 1 million baht (\$28,000) reward for information leading to his arrest. But apart from the rough portrait, they had few solid leads in Monday's bombing at the Erawan Shrine that killed 20 people and wounded 120 others.

The grainy security video shows the man, wearing a yellow T-shirt and shorts, sitting down on a bench at the shrine, taking off a black backpack and leaving it behind as he stands up and walks away. Time stamps show he left the shrine 15 minutes before the explosion, which struck just before 7 p.m.

The two possible accomplices are seen standing in front of the man, said police spokesman Lt. Gen. Prawut Thavornsiri. One of the men was wearing a red shirt and the other was in white, and they were seen leaving the area shortly before the man in yellow also leaves.

At a news conference, Prawut expressed uncertainty about the man's origin, saying the suspect

"looks like a foreigner" but "might have been in a disguise and wearing a fake nose" to conceal his identity.

Prawut told reporters Wednesday night that police would continue to scrutinize closed-circuit TV footage of the area from before the blast for clues about suspects. He said that if the men in red and white shirts were innocent and aware of the suspicions against them, they should report to police.

Two days after the attack, which authorities have called the worst in Thai history, the shrine reopened to the public. No one has claimed responsibility for the blast at one of the capital's busiest intersections during evening rush hour.

"If citizens or anyone can give us information or clues that lead to the arrest of this man, I have set a reward of 1 million baht," National Police Chief Somyot Poompanmoung said.

"He didn't do it alone, for sure. It's a network," he



Mew, 33, from Bangkok, second from right, prays at Erawan Shrine, the site of Monday's deadly bombing, at Rajprasong intersection in Bangkok, Thailand, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. The central Bangkok shrine reopened Wednesday to the public after Monday's bomb blast as authorities searched for a man seen in a grainy security video who they say was the prime suspect in an attack authorities called the worst in the country's history.

(AP Photo/Karly Domb Sadof)

said.

Police composed the sketch based on the video and a description provided by a motorcycle taxi driver believed to have given him a ride on Mon-

day night.

The sketch shows a young man in eyeglasses with bushy, dark hair that is cropped at the sides. The warrant describes him as tall, with a pointed nose

and thick lips. He faces six charges including conspiring to commit premeditated murder and conspiring to commit a bombing that resulted in death and severe injuries. □

UN expert slams China on chemical blast secrecy

GENEVA (AP) — A U.N. human rights expert has criticized China for its lack of transparency in handling a chemical blast in the north-eastern city of Tianjin.

Baskut Tuncak, U.N.'s expert on hazardous substances and waste, said the disaster might have been prevented or the extent of the damage limited if authorities had provided more information and pointed to countries' obligations to inform the public about hazardous substances.

"This chemical disaster serves as yet another tragic example of the need of information about hazardous substances to protect, respect and realize human rights," he said in a statement Wednesday. "The lack of information when needed — information that could have mitigated or perhaps even prevented this disaster — is truly tragic."

The comments amount to an unusually sharp rebuke for Beijing from a U.N. ex-

pert and join appeals in China for better communication from authorities about the fates those who were killed or remain missing. The Aug. 12 blasts at a warehouse for hazardous materials in Tianjin killed at least 114 people. Another 65 people are still missing and 674 are hospitalized. The statement criticized Chinese press restrictions after the explosions and called for "complete transparency" in the pending investigation.

"The reported restrictions on public access to health and safety information and freedom of the press in the aftermath are deeply disturbing, particularly to the extent it risks increasing the number of victims of this disaster," Buncak added.

The blasts occurred at a warehouse where 700 tons of sodium cyanide — a toxic chemical that can form combustible substances on contact with water — was being stored in amounts that violated safety rules. □

Shots fired at police guarding Istanbul palace; officer hurt

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Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish police arrested two people Wednesday after a hand grenade was hurled and shots were fired at officers guarding Istanbul's Dolmabahce Palace, an Ottoman-era palace that is a major tourist attraction, the Istanbul governor's office said. One police officer was slightly injured, ac-

cording to the country's state-run news agency. Later Wednesday, at least eight Turkish soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb detonated by Kurdish rebels in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast region, the military said. Police apprehended two people in an area close to the palace and seized two hand-grenades, an automatic rifle, a hand gun and a large amount

of ammunition, a statement from the Istanbul governor's office said. It did not identify the suspects or give a motive for the attack. However, the state-run Anadolu Agency said the two assailants are members of the outlawed leftist group the Revolutionary People's Liberation Army-Front, or DHKP-C. It did not cite a source for the report.

The DHKP-C claimed responsibility for an attack earlier this month in which two female assailants opened fire at the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul. No one was hurt in the attack but one of the assailants was shot by police and hospitalized. The attacks come amid a sharp rise in violence between Turkey's security forces and the Kurdish rebels, and as Turkey has been conduct-

ing operations against the Islamic State group and others. Turkey last month rounded up more than 1,000 people linked to IS, the Kurdish rebels and the DHKP-C, after a suicide bomb attack blamed on IS killed 32 people. Turkish warplanes, meanwhile, have raided PKK targets in Iraq and in southeast Turkey in tandem with airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Syria. □

IS beheads aging Syrian antiquities scholar in Palmyra

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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The 81-year-old antiquities scholar had dedicated his life to exploring and overseeing Syria's ancient ruins of Palmyra, one of the Middle East's most spectacular archaeological sites. He even named his daughter after Zenobia, the queen that ruled from the city 1,700 years ago. That dedication may have cost him his life. On Wednesday, relatives and witnesses said Khaled al-Asaad was beheaded by Islamic State militants, his bloodied body hung on a pole in a main square. Antiquities officials said they believed IS militants had interrogated al-Asaad, a long-time director of the site, trying to get him to divulge where authorities had hidden treasures secreted out of Palmyra before the extremists seized the ruins last spring. The brutal killing stunned



In this undated photo released Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 by the Syrian official news agency SANA, one of Syria's most prominent antiquities scholars, Khaled al-Asaad, speaks in Syria. Islamic State militants beheaded al-Asaad in the ancient town of Palmyra, Syria, then strapped his body to one of the town's Roman columns, Syrian state media and an activist group said Wednesday. The killing of 81-year-old al-Asaad was the latest atrocity perpetrated by the militant group, which has captured a third of both Syria and Iraq. (SANA via AP)

Syria's archaeological community and underscored fears the extremists will destroy or loot the 2,000-year-old Roman-era city on the edge of a

modern town of the same name, as they have other major archaeological sites in Syria and Iraq. "We have lost not just a scholar of archaeology but

one of the pillars of archaeology in the 20th century," said Ahmad Ferzat Taraqqi, a 56-year-old antiquities expert and friend of the victim. The Sunni extremists,

who have imposed a violent interpretation of Islamic law across the territory they control in Syria and Iraq, claim ancient relics promote idolatry and say they are destroying them as part of their purge of paganism — though they are also believed to sell off looted antiquities, bringing in significant sums of cash. Known as "Mr. Palmyra" among Syrian antiquities experts for his authoritative knowledge and decades administering the site, al-Asaad refused to leave even after IS militants captured the town and neighboring ruins in May. The Palmyra site was al-Asaad's life, said his nephew, an opposition activist who uses the name Khaled al-Homsi. Even when he could no longer go to the Roman ruins because of his advanced age, al-Asaad lived nearby, "and he could see the archaeological site from his house," al-Homsi told The Associated Press. □

Yemeni rebels rebound with new attacks after setbacks

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Houthi rebels in Yemen attacked pro-government forces for the second consecutive day Wednesday after weeks of retreating, security officials said. Five pro-government fighters were killed in the rebel attack on the Labouza military base, said Qayed Nasser, an anti-rebel forces spokesman in Lahj province.

Anti-rebel fighters have failed to push the rebels and their allies out of the Aqaba Tharaa area, which they took control of a day earlier in a similar attack, said independent security officials and witnesses. Fighting in Yemen pits the Shiite Houthis and troops loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants and troops loyal to President Abed

Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who is in exile in Saudi Arabia. Brig. Gen. Fadl Hassan said the pro-government forces were tricked in Aqaba Tharaa by a brigade from the Republican Guard who were loyal to Saleh but were pretending to be fighting alongside Hadi forces. Saudi-led airstrikes killed 20 of the brigade and Houthi fighters, Houthi security officials and medical officials said. Shelling killed five civilians south of the city of Taiz,

while suspected al-Qaida fighters killed a soldier and wounded others manning a checkpoint in Hadramawt province, security and tribal officials said. All officials and witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to talk to reporters or for fear of reprisals. In a separate incident, an airstrike on a teacher's office in Amran, north of Sanaa, killed 13 teachers and four children Tuesday night,

the executive director of the U.N. children's agency, Anthony Lake, said in a statement. He said 20 people were injured. Also Wednesday, the U.N. Security Council condemned the storming and seizure of the United Arab Emirates Embassy in the capital, Sanaa, by the Houthis on Sunday "in the strongest terms." In a statement, the council demanded the Houthis withdraw immediately. □



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Grisly killing becomes political battleground in Venezuela

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The grisly slaying of a woman has become yet another political flashpoint in hyper-polarized Venezuela, with supporters and opponents of the country's socialist administration each saying the killers were working for the other side. The case revolves around two young men arrested last week in the killing of 52-year-old Liana Hergueta, who was hacked to pieces. Her body parts were found hidden in bags and suitcases in her car, which was parked in an upscale Caracas neighborhood near a golf course. The brutality of the murder was shocking even in the crime-ridden capital of one of the world's most dangerous countries. Local media reported that the two targeted Hergueta, who had no political profile, because she had been insulting one of them on social media. The men allegedly lured her to her death posing as black market money-changers, a job that has become a Venezuelan fixture as currency distortions reshape the economy. Details of the suspects' sketchy backgrounds have been trickling out for days, but the saga took



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro puts on his eyeglasses in Caracas, Venezuela. The grisly slaying of a woman has become yet another political flashpoint in hyper-polarized Venezuela, with supporters and opponents of the country's socialist administration each saying the killers were working for the other side. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

a new turn Tuesday night when President Nicolas Maduro appeared on national television to accuse the perpetrators of working with a who's who of opposition figures to destabilize the government. The two men, Jose Rafael Perez and Carlos Trejo, had been photographed alongside Venezuela's best-known opposition leaders and at various political sites, with the snapshots leaving the impression that they were present, Forrest Gump-like, for virtually all of the mile-

stones in the opposition's protests over the past two years. In one photo, Perez can be seen flanking Leopoldo Lopez as the opposition hard-liner fights through a crowd to turn himself into police for allegedly inciting violence during a 2014 anti-government protest movement. In another, Perez stands behind former congresswoman Maria Corina Machado as she presents herself to face charges of plotting to kill Maduro. After their arrest, the socialist administration said the

two had been working with the government critics to destabilize the country. Officials went on to suggest that the opposition politicians bore direct responsibility for Hergueta's brutal death. But opposition media reported that the two men were actually undercover agents sent to infiltrate the anti-government movement and help authorities arrest dissidents. Runrunes, a website linked to one of the country's main opposition journalists, reported that the men posed as

persecuted student leaders and befriended actual activists, then sold them out to the country's intelligence service. At least one of the activists they took up with is still in jail a year later, according to the report. On his weekly television program Tuesday night, Maduro showed a video of Perez after his arrest in which he says he was working with opposition leaders to overthrow the government, and took \$1,000 from the former top U.S. diplomat in Caracas to fund anti-government protests. Maduro, who regularly accuses the U.S. of plotting against him, presented no evidence to back the claim. On Wednesday, State Department spokesman John Kirby called the charge "yet another baseless and false allegation." Perez also said he received backing from conservative U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Republican presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio as well as former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe — the latter a favorite Maduro target. "I have proof that the opposition is becoming a paramilitary operation," Maduro said, later adding, "I'm asking all security organizations to help us ferret out these murderers wherever they may be." □

Pakistani, Indian troops trade fire in Kashmir, killing 2

ROSHAN MUGHAL

Associated Press

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan

(AP) — Border guards from Pakistan and neighboring India continued trading fire Wednesday in the divided region of Kashmir, violence that killed two Pakistani villagers, officials said. Local police official Mohammad Waseem said

one person was killed by Indian shelling Tuesday and another died Wednesday when a shell struck her home in the Nakial sector in Kashmir. School shut down Wednesday in the Pakistan's Nakial sector over the shelling, said Javed Budhanvi, a minister in Pakistan's part of Kashmir. He said hundreds of villagers

fled to safer places. The latest skirmishes come ahead of an Aug. 23 meeting between security advisers from both countries in New Delhi. The violence has prompted the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to ask India and Pakistan to exercise restraint. Both sides blamed each other for beginning the

fire. Lt. Col. Manish Mehta, an Indian army spokesman, blamed Pakistani army for starting the "unprovoked firing" Wednesday, saying Pakistani soldiers fired machine guns and mortar rounds and that Indian troops retaliated. Pakistan's Foreign Ministry on Wednesday summoned an Indian diplomat to lodge a pro-

test against what it called the "unprovoked cease-fire violations" by Indian troop in Kashmir. It said Pakistan urged India to immediately stop the violations and observe the 2003 cease-fire. Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, two rival nuclear-armed nations, both of which claim the entire region. □

Mexican candidate brags of shark-fishing haul

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities said Wednesday they are investigating a former candidate of Mexico's Ecological Green Party who posted photos of himself with a fishing haul of more than 20 juvenile sharks. Joaquin Badillo ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Acapulco in June. He posted a photo to his Twitter ac-

count Sunday in which he poses with a pile of small sharks aboard a boat. Mexico's environmental protection agency said Wednesday that the species of shark shown, the silky shark, is not endangered, but Badillo may have exceeded daily catch limits. The agency said the in-season limit for sharks is one

a day and, "according to what is seen in the photos, that limit would have been violated." The Green Party said it "rejected and condemned" Badillo's actions. It said he is not a formal member of the party and would not be allowed to run on its ticket in the future. The party has been criticized for frequently violat-

ing election laws and is accused of being "green" in name only. The federation of European Green Parties stripped the Mexican party of recognition after it demanded in 2009 that kidnappers be put to death, a position counter to Green ideology. The Mexican group later dropped the demand from its platform. □

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Jamaican police arrest 2 in fatal police shooting

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Police in Jamaica say they have arrested two men suspected in the fatal shooting of a rookie officer in a gritty neighborhood of the capital. The Jamaica Constabulary Force said Wednesday that the two men wanted for the slaying of Constable Lynden Barrett have been detained in separate operations. They identified the suspects as residents of Denham Town in gang-heavy West Kingston. The 23-year-old police constable was shot and killed on a street in Denham Town on July 21. Residents of the poor community have insisted that Barrett was killed by police colleague shooting wildly. But Police Commissioner Carl Williams has said he knows "for sure that the criminals are responsible for it." □

Jamaica to make a heritage site of Garvey's home

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's culture minister says the government will refurbish the boyhood home of black nationalist leader Marcus Garvey and make it a heritage site. Lisa Hanna says her ministry wants people to visit the home in northern St. Ann parish and "pay tribute to a man who left a great legacy." A timeline for the project was not provided. Garvey founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association in Jamaica in 1914. He inspired millions while transforming it into a mass movement while in New York. He was convicted in the U.S. of mail fraud and was deported to his Jamaican homeland in 1927. He died in London in 1940. Garvey was the first person named a Jamaican national hero following the island's independence from Britain in 1962. □

Pope holds sign calling for dialogue on Falklands

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Pope Francis raised eyebrows in his homeland of Argentina on Wednesday after being photographed in Rome holding a sign advocating for dialogue over the disputed Falkland Islands. After his general audience appearance Wednesday, several news agencies shot pictures of Francis holding a sign that read: "It's time for dialogue between Argentina and the United Kingdom over the Falkland Islands."

It wasn't immediately clear if Francis was simply politely holding a sign that was handed to him by fellow Argentines or if he was purposely wading into the dispute.

While archbishop of Buenos Aires, the Rev. Jorge Bergoglio, as he was known then, sometimes spoke in nationalistic terms about the islands. Since becoming pope in 2013, however, Francis has refrained from talking about the dispute. Soon after the photo began to show up on local websites, Argentina's foreign ministry tweeted that the pope "had received a



A placard which reads, "It's time for dialogue between Argentina and the United Kingdom for Falklands", is held by faithful as Pope Francis is greeted during the weekly general audience in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. (Claudio Peri/ANSA Via AP)

pro-dialogue message" for Argentina and Britain. Argentine President Cristina Fernandez also tweeted a few of the photos to her nearly 4 million followers with the hashtag #MalvinasArgentinas, referring to the islands' Spanish name. In 2013, Fernandez formally asked the pope to intervene in the dispute, though

he never has. The Argentine army seized the islands in 1982 only to be defeated by a British force, but Argentina still claims sovereignty over the South Atlantic territory. The issue always strikes a nerve in this country of 41 million people. But Britain has repeatedly said the question of sovereignty

has been decided. In a 2013 referendum, the vast majority of Falkland residents voted to remain a British territory. According to a 2012 census, the islands have a population of about 2,563 people. Calls to Britain's Foreign Ministry late Wednesday were not immediately returned.

Haiti disqualifies 14 candidates over violence

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitian election officials this week disqualified 14 candidates for involvement in the violent disturbances that marred voting at polling stations around the country earlier this month. Voters in the Aug. 9 election were filling two-thirds of the 30-member Senate and the entire 119-member

Chamber of Deputies. It's not clear if those disqualified won because results haven't been announced. Those disqualified by the Provisional Electoral Council include Senate candidate Arnel Belizaire. The former opposition member of the Chamber of Deputies is accused of firing a weapon in the air outside a polling station. Several

others were accused of damaging voting stations or interfering with the casting or counting of ballots. Belizaire, who has been a critic of the government of President Michel Martelly, could not be reached for immediate comment following the announcement. He denied any wrongdoing in an interview on a local radio station, saying

he was not out in public on election day. The Organization of American States said its monitors found scattered violence and irregularities but not enough to invalidate the results. The balloting was considered a test run for the first round of Haiti's presidential election and the second round of local elections, scheduled for Oct. 25. □



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Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, eyes the ball on a serve by Benoit Paire, of France, at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, in Mason, Ohio. Associated Press

Serena Williams, Novak Djokovic win Cincinnati openers

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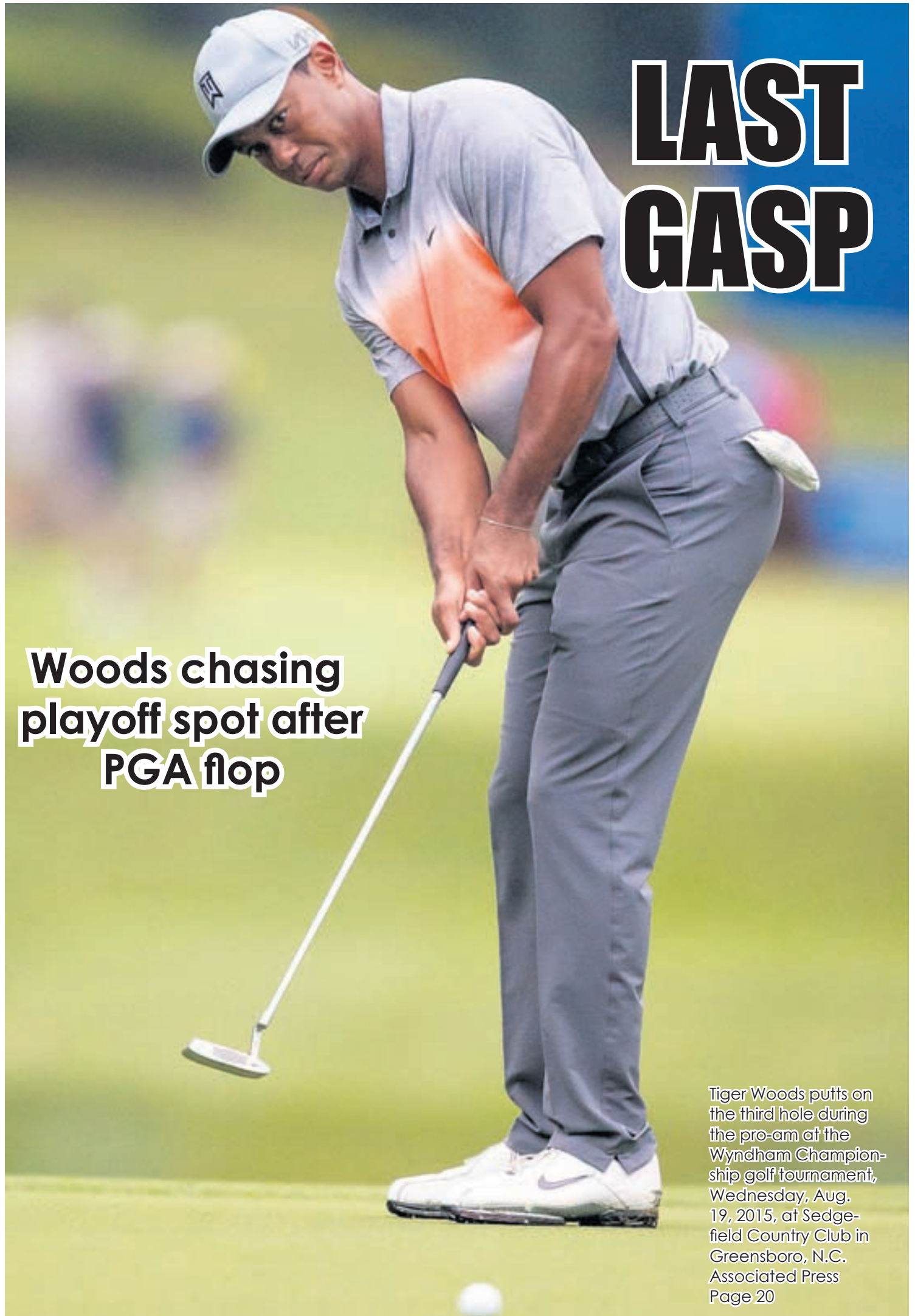
MASON, Ohio (AP) — Serena Williams pumped her fist after each important point and screamed as she smacked another emphatic shot. The defending Cincinnati champion wasn't going to ease into the tournament.

Williams put a lot of emotion into her opening match at the Western & Southern Open on Wednesday, a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Tsvetana Pironkova that made her the first of the top seeds to advance.

Novak Djokovic won his rain-delayed opening match, beating Benoit Paire 7-5, 6-2 in 1 hour, 39 minutes.

Williams won the Cincinnati tournament for the first time last year, getting one of the few titles that had eluded her. This year, she's using it as a final tuneup for the U.S. Open, where she'll be the focus as she tries to complete a rare Grand Slam sweep.

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Woods chasing playoff spot after PGA flop

Tiger Woods putts on the third hole during the pro-am at the Wyndham Championship golf tournament, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C. Associated Press Page 20

'Deflategate' judge says Brady suspension in jeopardy

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NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge made clear Wednesday that the NFL's four game suspension of Tom Brady over "Deflategate" is in jeopardy as the star New England quarterback returned to practice.

U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman, who's been asked by the NFL Players Association to void the suspension, warned a league lawyer during oral arguments in the scandal over underinflated footballs that there was precedent for judges to toss out penalties issued by arbitrators.

Berman continued to push for a settlement in the dispute — a potential result he called "rational and logical." But throughout the hearing, he also cited several weaknesses in the way the NFL handled the controversy that could become the basis for handing a victory to Brady and his union.

After the hearing, Berman met behind closed doors with both sides for more than an hour before the lawyers left court, saying the judge asked them not to discuss the negotiations publicly. If there is no deal, the Manhattan judge has said he hopes to rule by Sept. 4, six days before the



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) tosses a pass during a joint practice with the New Orleans Saints at the Saints' NFL football training camp in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015.

Patriots host the Pittsburgh Steelers in the NFL's season-opening game.

Neither Brady nor NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was in court Wednesday. Brady returned to his team after participating in negotiations along with Goodell and lawyers on both sides a day earlier.

Berman ordered Brady and Goodell to return to court if they can't settle, scheduling a tentative Aug. 31 hearing.

The league announced in May that it was suspending Brady over allegations he

conspired with two Patriots equipment employees to deflate footballs below what league rules allow, to give him a competitive edge in New England's victory over the Indianapolis Colts in January's AFC championship game. Goodell, who by contract with the players' union can act as an arbitrator for labor disputes, upheld the suspension, touching off the legal battle.

During more than two hours of arguments by attorneys, the judge noted other arbitration decisions have

been rejected when a key witness was not allowed to testify as he asked why NFL Executive Vice President Jeff Pash — who worked on the NFL investigation — could not be questioned by union lawyers during the suspension's appeal.

Arbitration proceedings, while more relaxed than court proceedings, are still required to follow due process rules to ensure fairness, Berman said.

"You have to allow someone to make their case by calling witnesses," he said. Berman also suggested

that the league's finding that Brady was generally aware that game balls were being deflated was too vague, noting that any reference to the Jan. 18 game against the Colts was "conspicuously absent" in a report on an NFL investigation that the league used as a basis for the suspension.

Finally, Berman said he could not understand how the commissioner opted to keep a four-game suspension over a fine or a lesser penalty seen in other cases of equipment tampering. In one exchange, he questioned Goodell's defense of the Brady punishment on the grounds that it was comparable to penalties on players caught using performance enhancing drugs.

"How is that equal to steroid use?" he asked of the deflation allegations.

"They both go to the integrity of the game," responded NFL lawyer Daniel Nash. "Well, everything goes to the integrity of the game," the judge shot back.

It was the second week in a row the judge seemed to lean harder on the NFL in open court, though he again cautioned that he had not yet made up his mind which side would win. □



Sebastian Coe, newly elected International Association of Athletics Federations President gestures as he arrives on stage for a press briefing at the IAAF Congress at the National Convention Center in Beijing, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015.

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AP Sports Writer

BEIJING (AP) — After a final promise to the international track and field com-

munity that he'd always be in its corner, Sebastian Coe won the election to replace Lamine Diack as IAAF president and took up

Coe beats Bubka for top job in international track and field

the immediate challenge of restoring the image of a sport grappling with a doping controversy.

The 58-year-old Coe received 115 votes to Sergei Bubka's 92 in the poll Wednesday in Beijing, where the world championships kick off Saturday.

Few doubted Coe's commitment or credentials. He's a two-time Olympic gold medalist in the 1,500 meters, is a former Conservative Party lawmaker in Britain and was integral in London winning the bid and then hosting a successful 2012 Olympic Games. He

said he'd traveled 700,000 kilometers (435,000 miles) during the campaign to visit the national federations "in their backyards" and, unlike Bubka, was only running for the top job without the fallback option of vice president.

"This for me is the pinnacle. It's my sport, my passion. It's the thing I've always wanted to do," said Coe, who earlier had told the IAAF congress that election victory was the most momentous occasion in his life besides becoming a father.

He praised Bubka for contributing to a campaign that "has given the sport a chance to pause for breath ... (and) renew itself." Bubka, a former Olympic and world champion pole vaulter and long-time world-record holder, retained his position as a vice president in a subsequent poll.

"I know athletics in the future will grow and become stronger and stronger. Nothing changed in my life. I will continue to serve athletics with dignity and big passion as I did before." □

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For her, this week is about getting her game ready to take a swing at history.

"I think it could be a lot better," she said. "It's not where I would want it ideally, but, you know, I'm going to have to fix that more mentally than anything. I think once I lock in there I will be OK."

She's already starting to get locked in on New York by limiting her responsibilities away from the court.

"I'm really trying to stay away from stress and stay away from press," Williams said. "But, you know, that's a little difficult."

"I don't necessarily want to hear about, 'Oh, this history and that history,' because I just want to be able to do the best that I can. I want to be able to win and I don't want any distractions. That's how I'm going to handle it."

The top-ranked Williams was coming off a loss to

Belinda Bencic on Saturday night in Toronto in the Rogers Cup semifinals.

Williams' sister, Venus, dropped out of the tournament Tuesday night with an illness. Maria Sharapova also dropped out with a lingering injury to her right leg.

The start of the day's matches was delayed 35 minutes because of rain, which fell again shortly after Williams completed her win. More rain pushed back the evening matches and forced organizers to postpone the doubles matches.

On the men's side, Djokovic waited out a long rain delay before his match started, and then wasted chances to close it out quickly. He converted only 5 of 15 break points. The first set lasted 64 minutes, with Paire using drop shots to keep Djokovic guessing. "It was a strange match all in all, but the instructions I got from the coach was to expect the unexpected, and that was the



Serena Williams, of the United States, returns the ball to Tsvetana Pironkova, of Bulgaria, during a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, in Mason, Ohio.

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case," Djokovic said. "You couldn't really predict what kind of shot comes your way."

Djokovic has never won in Cincinnati, losing the finals to Andy Murray in 2008 and

2011, and to Roger Federer in 2009 and 2012. A title this week would make him the first player to win all nine ATP Masters events.

Fourth-seeded Stan Wawrinka rallied for a 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3 win over Borna

Coric. The French Open champion didn't take control until he broke Coric's serve in the sixth game of the third set and then held for a 5-2 lead. He will meet Ivo Karlovic in the third round. □

Woods hopes to push for unlikely playoff spot

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AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP) — It's now or never for many players at the Wyndham Championship — the last chance to qualify for golf's postseason.

That group includes Tiger Woods.

The biggest name in the sport is playing the final event of the PGA Tour's regular season for the first time, in an effort to get his game back on track and make a last-gasp push for the playoffs.

"I've started to build. I just need to get more consistent with everything, and start stringing together not just holes, not just rounds but tournaments," Woods said Wednesday. "That's why this tournament's important to me. Hopefully I can win it, get into the playoffs and play a bunch of golf."

Woods, who missed the cut at the PGA Championship last week, beat last Friday's deadline to enter the Wyndham but didn't finalize his commitment until Monday.

He said he had "a blast" playing a pro-am round Wednesday with NBA All-Star Chris Paul — a native of nearby Winston-Salem who starred at Wake Forest.

And now he wants to stick around for a while.

In 10 previous events this year, Woods has missed the cut in four of them and withdrew from another.

He's had three rounds in the 80s, his best finish was



Tiger Woods chips to the green at the seventh hole during the pro-am at the Wyndham Championship golf tournament, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C.

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a tie for 17th at the Masters and his best week came at The Greenbrier Classic where he finished just six shots out of the lead.

He's eager to test his game on the Donald Ross-designed course at Sedgefield Country Club that puts a premium on strong iron play and features fast, undulating Bermuda grass greens that Woods is trying to quickly figure out.

During a soggy pro-am, though, the course played a bit differently with more,

well, woods.

"It's going to be a lot of irons off the tee, but it wasn't the case because it's so wet," Woods said.

"Balls are plugging. Lot of mud balls out there."

The Wyndham has relished its spot as the last chance for the tour's bubble players to force their way into the FedEx Cup playoffs, which begin next week at The Barclays in New Jersey. Woods — who's at No. 187 on the points list — is pretty far from the bubble. Only

the top 125 players will make it to The Barclays, which means he probably needs a victory in his first visit here.

Recent history seems to be against him: Last year, only one player outside the top 125 — Sang-Moon Bae — earned enough points here to move into the playoffs. A 14th-place tie helped him jump from No. 126 to No. 120. The year before, nobody did it.

"If I don't win this event," Woods said, "I'll have my

offseason early."

Also on the bubble: Luke Donald is 124th, followed by Charl Schwartzel, Scott Langley, Seung-Yul Noh, S.J. Park and last year's winner, Camilo Villegas. The top 125 in the standings also will earn 2015-16 tour cards.

"There's so much to play for," said Webb Simpson, the 2011 winner who's safely at No. 49 on the points list. "It's definitely on guys' minds, I think."

This would rank as one of the best fields in the 76-year history of the tournament even if Woods hadn't made his last-minute decision to play Sedgefield.

Adam Scott joins Woods as two of the six former world No. 1 ranked players in the field. Until Woods' late entry, Scott was arguably the biggest attraction for the event.

He also was in a pro-am foursome that was immediately behind the one with Woods and Paul, and with so much of the gallery following them, Scott could go through his round in relative anonymity.

"There's no doubt about things created by Tiger," Scott said. "It happens everywhere he goes. You can tell how passionate the local people and everyone involved in the tournament here are about this tournament, and it means such a great deal to them to have Tiger Woods in the field. I think it's fantastic."

"We're in for a great week, no matter what," he added. □



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, meets with American boxer Roy Jones Jr. in Sevastopol, Crimea, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015.

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U.S. boxer Roy Jones Jr. asks Putin for Russian citizenship

MOSCOW (AP) — American former world boxing champion Roy Jones Jr. has asked Russian President Vladimir Putin for Russian citizenship over a cup of tea.

Jones' promoter told the R-Sport news agency two years ago that the boxer wanted a Russian passport.

During Wednesday's meeting, Putin wished Jones success doing business in Russia and the boxer responded that this would be easier if he had a Russian passport. Putin told him this would not be a problem if he planned to spend a significant part of his life in Russia.

Their meeting took place in Crimea, which Russia annexed last year and where the 46-year-old boxer and rapper will take part in a show this weekend.

Jones said he hoped sport could help "build a bridge" between the U.S. and Russia. □

NL Capsules

Bullpen falters, Phillies lose to Blue Jays 8-5

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Josh Donaldson hit two homers, and Edwin Encarnacion also went deep as the Blue Jays beat the Phillies.

The AL wild card-leading Blue Jays have won 13 of 15. They entered one game behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees. The Phillies, who have the worst record in the majors, have lost four straight and five of six after winning 16 of 21 following the All-Star break.

Donaldson hit a drive off Aaron Nola into the second deck in left field in the first. His three-run shot in the sixth off Jeanmar Gomez (1-3) gave the Blue Jays a 7-5 lead. Liam Hendricks (4-0) pitched out of a jam in the fifth.

MARLINS 9, BREWERS 6

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ichiro Suzuki had his first four-hit game in over two years, and Cole Gillespie drove in a season-high three runs to lead the Marlins past the Brewers.

Suzuki was 4 for 5 with two runs scored for his first four-hit game since July 28, 2013.

Adeiny Hechavarria extended his career-high hitting streak to 12 games and relief pitcher Kendry Flores (1-1) faced one batter in the fourth in his first major league victory. With the bases loaded, A.J. Ramos got the final out in the ninth for his 20th save.

Milwaukee rookie starter Tyler Cravy (0-5) lasted only 2 2-3 innings after giving up seven runs — four earned — to go with seven hits and three walks.

GIANTS 2, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ryan Vogelsong pitched six innings of two-hit ball and ace Madison Bumgarner keyed a seventh-inning rally with his first career pinch hit, helping the San Francisco Giants beat the St. Louis Cardinals 2-0 on Tuesday night.

Brandon Crawford doubled leading off the fifth

for the Giants' first hit when left fielder Brandon Moss couldn't quite hold onto his drive down the line near both walls.

The Giants have won six of eight and handed the Cardinals, who got a strong bounce-back outing from Lance Lynn (9-8), just their 19th home loss compared with 45 wins. Vogelsong (9-8) struck out five and walked one while throwing 101 pitches.

PIRATES 9, DIAMONDBACKS 8, 15 innings.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pedro Florimon tripled home Francisco Cervelli with two outs in the bottom of the 15th for the Pirates.

Cervelli singled off Keith Hessler (0-1) for his fourth hit of the game and Florimon hit a high flyball to right field that clanged off the wall.

Joe Blanton (5-2) pitched three innings of scoreless relief for the Pirates. Starling Marte and Jung Ho Kang homered for Pittsburgh, which won despite blowing a late five-run lead.

Paul Goldschmidt drove in two runs and tied the game off Pittsburgh closer Mark Melancon in the ninth. Aaron Hill had three hits for Arizona, which left 11 runners on base.

Melancon's club-record consecutive save streak ended at 35.

NATIONALS 15, ROCKIES 6

DENVER (AP) — Yonel Escobar homered and drove in four runs to help Washington end a six-game losing streak.

Michael A. Taylor hit a go-ahead RBI single in the seventh and the Nationals capitalized on a lack of control by Rockies pitchers in a four-run eighth to turn a close game into a rout.

Bryce Harper walked a career-high four times, scoring each time to help Jordan Zimmermann (9-8) come away with the victory despite allowing six runs in six innings.

Jose Reyes had four hits, including his first home run as a member of the Rockies. Kyle Parker and Carlos Gonzalez also homered for the Rockies. Gonzalez was lifted in the sixth inning because of inflammation in his right knee and was listed as day to day. Parker homered off Zimmermann to lead off the sixth but Washington went back in front in its next at-bat on Taylor's RBI single off reliever Justin Miller (1-2) who had put a runner in scoring position by issuing two walks. □



Toronto Blue Jays' Mark Buehrle pitches during the third inning of a baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015, in Philadelphia.

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deGrom, Granderson lead Mets past Orioles 5-3

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Jacob deGrom took a four-hitter into the eighth inning, Curtis Granderson hit two solo homers and the New York Mets beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-3 Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Granderson connected off Kevin Gausman (2-5) on the game's second pitch and homered again in the fifth, then deGrom made the lead stand for the first-place Mets.

Baltimore had won four straight.

New York has won nine in a row against the Orioles dating back to June 2010.

The 6-foot-4 deGrom (12-6) gave up one run, five hits and a walk in 7 2/3 innings. The right-hander struck out six and lowered his ERA to 1.98, second-best in the National League behind the Dodgers' Zack Greinke. **YANKEES 8, TWINS 4**

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez hit a slump-busting grand slam in the seventh inning, and the Yankees rallied from a three-run deficit against a depleted bullpen to beat the Twins.

A-Rod extended his major league record for grand slams, hitting the 25th of his career into the Yankees bullpen off J.R. Graham (0-1) to put New York up 5-4.



New York Mets' Curtis Granderson, left, greets teammate Daniel Murphy after hitting a solo home run in the first inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015, in Baltimore.

Rodriguez connected on a 95 mph fastball, snapping an 0-for-18 slump and earning a curtain call from the crowd of 38,007.

Rookie Miguel Sano homered for the second consecutive game, a two-run shot off CC Sabathia, and Shane Robinson had an RBI single against Nick Rumbelow (1-0) in the seventh to give Minnesota a 4-1 lead. **RED SOX 9, INDIANS 1**

BOSTON (AP) — Travis Shaw went 4 for 4, Mookie Betts drove in three runs with a

bases-loaded double and the Red Sox beat the Indians, announcing a major front-office shake-up late in the game.

Dave Dombrowski was hired to take over baseball operations for general manager Ben Cherington. Boston is in danger of finishing last in the AL East for the third time in four seasons. Brock Holt had three hits and two RBIs for the Red Sox, who have won five of six and continued a recent offensive surge with 16 hits.

Associated Press
Boston's Eduardo Rodriguez (7-5) pitched eight solid innings. Trevor Bauer (9-10) was pulled early for the second straight start. **ROYALS 3, REDS 1, 13 INNINGS**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ben Zobrist tied the game with a homer in the ninth inning. Jarrod Dyson scored the tie-breaking run from first base on pitcher Ryan Mattheus' throwing error and the Royals went on to a 13-inning victory over the Reds.

Dyson led off the 13th with a single and scored when Mattheus (1-4) threw a sacrifice bunt by Kris Medlen (1-0) down the right field line.

Greg Holland finished for his 27th save.

Zobrist stunned the crowd of 28,719 by leading off the ninth against Aroldis Chapman with his 10th homer of the season. Chapman had converted 56 consecutive save opportunities at home since blowing one against Houston on Sept. 7, 2012.

MARINERS 3, RANGERS 2
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Hisashi Iwakuma followed his no-hitter by limiting Texas to two runs and five hits over seven innings as the Mariners beat the Rangers. All of Seattle's scoring came in the first inning on three extra-base hits, including Seth Smith's 10th home run of the season.

Iwakuma (5-2) gave up a hit to Texas' second batter, a single by Shin-Soo Choo. He retired 12 straight at one point and struck out six while walking one.

The right-hander no-hit Baltimore 3-0 in Seattle last Wednesday.

The Rangers' winning streak ended at five games.

Rangers rookie right-hander Chi Chi Gonzalez (2-5) set a career high with seven strikeouts. □

Boston Olympics organizers: Report didn't analyze details

PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Boston's failed bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics underestimated costs for hosting the games, potentially leaving Massachusetts taxpayers on the hook for significant cost overruns, according to a state-funded report released Tuesday.

Boston 2024, the local group organizing the bid, had projected construction costs for the Olympic Stadium, athletes village and other key facilities would total about \$918 million out of a proposed \$4.6 billion plan.

But the Brattle Group, a

Cambridge-based consultancy, concluded a "more reasonable estimate" for construction costs likely would have been more than \$970 million higher, based on previous games. The firm also cast doubt on Boston 2024's savings, revenues and other projections. The report also said state transit officials believe Boston 2024 failed to take into account a number of variables in its transportation budget, which could have increased the costs by as much as \$1.3 billion.

The report concluded the financial implications for the state could have been substantial but its econom-

ic impact modest.

"The State and Local governments, while having only limited ability to influence and shape the bid, would bear significant financial risks as the ultimate guarantors," the Brattle Group stated. "The taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts would be the ultimate risk bearers." Local Olympics organizers responded late Tuesday, accusing the consultancy of not fact-checking its findings and dismissing the report as a "simple comparison" between Boston's plan and those of past host cities.

Among Boston 2024's many complaints were that the Brattle Group assumed it would cost roughly \$500 million to build a broadcast and media center for the games. Organizers estimated the facility would cost just \$50.5 million because it proposed leasing and retrofitting existing space rather than building something from scratch.

"This is a critical, nearly half-billion dollar error on the part of the Brattle Group," Boston 2024 said in a statement. "There was no effort to critique our venue by venue construction budgets which we provided,

down to very specific costs of steel, concrete, plumbing, electrical and HVAC on a square foot basis."

The much-anticipated Brattle Group report had been in development well before Boston's bid imploded last month, the victim of low public support and persistent questions about its finances.

Gov. Charlie Baker and legislative leaders commissioned the \$250,000 analysis in June as they weighed throwing their political support behind the Olympics effort. But instead of being a game changer, the report became something of a post-mortem. □

Google expands low-cost phone program in 6 African countries

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Google is introducing a low-priced smartphone in six African countries where most people still can't afford an Internet-connected device.

The phone announced Tuesday is made by Infinix and will cost about \$87. It will be sold in stores in Nigeria and offered by online retailer Jumia in five other countries: Egypt, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, and Morocco. Infinix worked with Google on the "Hot 2" phone as part of a program called Android One that made its debut in India last year. Android One represents Google's push to lower the prices of smartphones in less developed parts of the world where computers are considered a luxury. Google consults with device makers to build cheap phones that can still run the latest version of its



This Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, photo shows Google's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.
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Android software. Infinix's phone will be sold with an Android release that came

out last year under the nickname "Lollipop." It will be capable of running the

next upgrade of Android, called "Marshmallow," due out this fall.

The price for the Hot 2 is a steep markdown from other smartphones equipped with Android's newest software. For instance, prices for Samsung Electronics newest Android phones to be released this month will cost from about \$700 to more than \$800 without a wireless contract.

The Android phones being released in Africa, though, are bare-bones models that can't do as many things as more expensive phones. Google, Facebook and other Internet companies are trying to get more people online in places like Africa so they can expand their audiences and eventually sell more digital advertising. As part of that effort, Google already has built a fiber-optic network to provide faster Internet access in Kampala, the capital of Uganda. □

Google heads down new path with 'OnHub' wireless router

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google is making a Wi-Fi router as part of its ambition to provide better Internet connections that make it easier for people to access its digital services and see more of its online advertising. Pre-orders for the \$199 wireless router, called OnHub, can be made beginning Tuesday at Google's online store, Amazon.com and Walmart.com. The device will go on sale in stores in the U.S. and Canada in late August or early September. Google is touting the cylinder-shaped OnHub as a leap ahead in a neglected part of technology. The Mountain View, California, company is promising its wireless router will be sleeker, more reliable, more secure and easier to use than other long-established alternatives made by the Arris Group, Netgear, Apple and other hardware specialists. Google teamed up with networking device maker TP-Link to build OnHub. OnHub also will adapt to the evolving needs of its own-

ers because its software will be regularly updated to unlock new features, according to Trond Wuellner, a Google Inc. product manager. The concept is similar to the automatic software upgrades the company makes to its Chrome browser and personal computers running on its Chrome operating system. Wuellner expects most people will be able to set up OnHub in three minutes or less. The router is designed to be managed with a mobile app called Google On that will work on Apple's iPhone, as well as devices running on Google's Android software. Google's expansion into wireless routers may conjure up memories of how the company trespassed on the Wi-Fi networks in homes and businesses around the world for more than two years beginning in 2008. In 2010, Google acknowledged that company cars taking photos for its digital maps also had been intercepting emails, passwords and other sensitive information sent over unprotected Wi-Fi networks. The



This undated photo provided by Google shows Google's Wi-Fi router. Pre-orders for the \$199 wireless router, called OnHub, can be made beginning Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at Google's online store, Amazon.com and Walmart.com.

Associated Press

intrusion became derisively known as "Wi-Spy" among Google's critics.

Although Google insisted it hadn't broken any laws, it paid \$7 million in 2013 to settle allegations of illegal eavesdropping in the U.S. made by 38 states and the District of Columbia.

Google is pledging not to use OnHub to monitor a user's Internet activity.

The company will still store personal information sent through an Internet connection tied to OnHub when a user visits Google's search engine or other services, such as YouTube or Gmail, with the privacy controls set to permit the data collection. This is the same data collection Google does when users of its services visit through any router. The new router represents the latest phase in Google's mission to make it easier for people to be online. Besides dispatching Internet-beaming balloons and drones to parts of the world without much online access, Google also has been trying to lower the cost and accelerate the speeds of the connections in more advanced countries such as the U.S. The goal has already hatched Google Fiber, an ultra-fast Internet service that is already available in a few U.S. cities and is coming to more than 20 others. Google is also preparing to offer a wireless subscription plan for smartphones running on the company's Android software. Google

has a financial incentive to make the Internet more accessible and less frustrating to use because it runs the world's dominant search engine, as well as the highly popular YouTube and Gmail. The company believes people who spend more time online are more likely to interact with a Google service and click on one of the ads that generate most of Google's profits. Ensuring the reliability of Wi-Fi systems is becoming more important to Google for another reason. Like other tech companies, Google is hoping to sell more home appliances and other equipment that require wireless connections to the Internet. Google's Nest division already sells thermostats, smoke detectors and video cameras that depend on Wi-Fi to work properly. Google's push into Internet access and other far-flung fields ranging from driverless cars to health care has frustrated investors who believe the company is spending too much on its technological mish-mash. □

Stocks lower as Fed minutes keep rate hike in play

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks posted solid losses on Wednesday as investors got mixed signals from the Federal Reserve over the

tember. Stocks recovered some of their losses after the release of the Fed minutes, but the modest recovery dissipated and the market basically ended the day roughly where it was

more confident about our call for a September rate hike as we might have hoped," said Michelle Girard, an economist at RBS. Bond yields fell sharply as bond traders took the Fed

dropped \$1.95 to \$41.17 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell \$1.96 to \$46.88 per barrel. Oil's losses deepened after data from the U.S. government showed oil inventories rose much more than expected last week.

Energy stocks followed crude oil lower. Marathon Oil fell 7 percent, Chevron fell 3 percent and Exxon Mobil fell 2 percent, respectively.

In other futures trading on the NYMEX, wholesale gasoline fell 8.8 cents to close at \$1.559 a gallon. Heating oil fell 4.1 cents to close at \$1.518 a gallon.

Natural gas rose 1.2 cents to close at \$2.716 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Overseas, China's stock market roiled Asian and European stocks, on fears that the country's currency, the yuan, will continue to erode.

Chinese stocks ended higher but only after a turbulent day that included sharp losses early on. The Shanghai Composite Index closed up 1.2 percent after plunging as much as 5 percent. European stocks ended the day down roughly 2 percent.

The euro rose to \$1.1065 while the dollar was down against the Japanese Yen at 124.08 yen.

Gold closed up \$11.00 to \$1,127.90 an ounce, silver rose 39 cents to \$15.18 an ounce and copper fell a penny to \$2.27 a pound. □



Specialist Meric Greenbaum works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks posted solid losses on Wednesday as investors got mixed signals from the Federal Reserve over the possibility of an interest rate hike in September.

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possibility of an interest rate hike in September. Energy stocks fell as the price of oil plummeted.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 162.61 points, or 0.9 percent, to 17,348.73. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 17.31 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,079.61 and the Nasdaq composite index lost 40.30 points, or 0.8 percent, to 5,019.05.

The minutes from the Federal Reserve's July meeting gave no specific clues on whether the central bank's officials were poised to raise interest rates in Sep-

most of the session.

In the minutes, Fed officials appeared to move closer to raising interest rates for the first time in nearly a decade but remained concerned that the economic slowdown in China could pose risks to the U.S. economy.

Policy makers also expressed concerns that inflation, noting the recent sharp decline in commodity prices, remains too low to justify an interest rate increase.

"We don't come away from the minutes feeling

minutes as a sign that interest rates were going to remain at near-zero levels for several more months. The U.S. 10-year Treasury note fell to a yield of 2.12 percent from 2.19 percent on Tuesday. Most traders believe the Fed will either raise interest rates in September or wait until early 2016.

"In their heart of hearts Fed officials want to raise interest rates this year. But with commodity prices as low as they are, it could give the Fed pause," said Alan Rechtschaffen of UBS.

Benchmark U.S. crude

Oil drillers hit as US crude supplies continue to climb

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NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of the world's biggest oil companies are tumbling to multi-year lows on new data showing that U.S. crude inventories continue to rise at a time of year when they are typically in decline.

Commercial inventories increased by 2.6 million barrels last week, according to an Energy Information Administration report Wednesday, jolting energy analysts. Those analysts expected a decline of 1.2 million barrels, according to a survey by Platts.

The EIA says "U.S. crude oil inventories remain near levels not seen for this time of year in at least the last 80 years."

Oil prices are down about 50 percent over the last year. On Wednesday, crude prices fell to \$40.80 a barrel in New York, their lowest close since March 2, 2009. Shares of Exxon Mobil, BP, Marathon Oil, Chevron and ConocoPhillips all slid to multi-year lows.

Marathon Oil Corp. suffered a 6.5 percent drop in afternoon trading. They recovered from a session low that took the shares to their lowest prices in six years.

Chevron Corp. shares lost about 2.7 percent and ConocoPhillips fell 3.5 percent, while Exxon Mobil Corp. declined 1.8 percent. All reached three- or four-year lows.

Energy companies invested heavily in drilling over the past few years, when the price of oil was generally over \$100 a barrel. A combination of growing supplies and slow growth in the world economy weakened demand and made for a big drop in prices in the second half of 2014, a trend that's resumed this summer. Energy companies have slashed jobs and curtailed drilling activity in response.

The Energy Information Administration said there were 456 million barrels in commercial inventories as of Friday. □

IMF: China must wait to join exclusive currency club

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WASHINGTON (AP) — China must wait until at least next year to join an exclusive club of the world's top currencies, the International Monetary Fund said Wednesday.

The IMF's board voted to leave unchanged until Sept. 30, 2016 a basket of currencies used in IMF op-

erations.

China, world's second-biggest economy, had wanted the IMF to include its currency, the yuan, in the basket along with the U.S. dollar, euro, British pound and Japanese yen starting Jan. 1.

Unlike the other currencies, the yuan does not trade freely. China sets a daily target and lets the yuan

trade 2 percent higher or lower. Last week, Beijing devalued the yuan and said it would give market forces more say in determining the exchange rate — a move the IMF praised as a step in the right direction.

The currency club China wants to join is known as the IMF's Special Drawing Rights basket. This is a vir-

tual currency the IMF can use for emergency loans and IMF member countries can use to bolster their own reserves in times of crisis.

Joining the basket would give the yuan the IMF's seal of approval and might encourage foreigners to use the Chinese currency more and to have more confidence in China's financial markets. □

Target is getting its groove back: Turnaround takes hold

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NEW YORK (AP) — Target is on its way back.

Shoppers are visiting the company's stores more often and spending more on each trip, the Minneapolis-based discount-store chain said Wednesday. The company raised its annual profit outlook and said its second-quarter net income more than tripled. The upbeat report is evidence efforts to spruce up fashions and other merchandise are paying off for CEO Brian Cornell, who has led the company for a year with marching orders to reinvent the "cheap chic" retailer after a series of problems.

"I think we're making very good progress right now," Cornell told investors during a conference call Wednesday. "But we're not satisfied. We know we've got more work to do to meet the needs of the guests every time they shop."

Target's results are among one of the brighter spots in retailers' second-quarter earnings season, which mostly wraps up this week. Department store chains Macy's and Kohl's both reported last week declines in second-quarter profit and weak sales as shoppers have been pulling back buying traditional items like clothing and gravitating more toward services or going out to eat.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, announced Tuesday a 15 percent drop in second-quarter income and cut its annual outlook as its investment in its stores, e-commerce and increases in wages for hourly workers are dragging down results. But those efforts are perking up sales and traffic.

But Target isn't getting hurt by that shift away from clothing, showing that shoppers will still buy the right item at the right price. Target's shares rose nearly 4 percent in morning trading.

Cornell succeeded Gregg Steinhafel, whose abrupt



This photo shows a Target store in Miami. Target reported quarterly financial results on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

departure in May 2014 capped a tumultuous year for the company. It was hurt by a massive credit-card breach before Christmas 2013 that sent shoppers temporarily fleeing. The company also botched a major expansion into Canada that the company pulled the plug on earlier this year.

Cornell aims to reinvent Target as a more nimble force amid fierce competition. The company is investing in e-commerce and said it's improving its shipping time

this fall by testing a specific delivery commitment, typically two or three business days if the customer orders on a specific date. It's also adding small-format stores, including a recent one in Boston.

It's also trying to reclaim its position as the place to go for "cheap chic." Target is placing heavy emphasis on fashion, children's goods and home products. Those areas carry higher profit margins. That includes adding mannequins in the stores and improving

the quality of its clothing.

For example, it recently redid the fit for its jeans, a move customers liked. And it's reacting quickly to trends. This fall, it's working with various partners to create a 300-item plaid collection including plaid diapers and plaid blankets.

And Target is bringing more organic, natural, gluten-free and locally produced food to its grocery aisles. Cornell is also reshaping his management team. On Monday, Target promoted its Chief Financial Officer

John Mulligan to the newly created role of chief operating officer. Mulligan will assume oversight of stores, supply chain and properties. Succeeding Mulligan as chief financial officer is Cathy Smith, a seasoned retail executive. The changes are effective Sept. 1.

Target has wrestled with uneven growth since the Great Recession. Its expansion into basic groceries during the downturn helped to bring in shoppers but it diluted its focus of being a style purveyor. But its business was rocked by the pre-Christmas 2013 breach and the money-losing operations in Canada.

Target's second-quarter results are benefiting from Cornell's moves.

The company said second-quarter earnings were \$753 million, or \$1.18 per share for the three month period ended Aug. 1. That compares with \$234 million, or 37 cents per share, a year earlier. Adjusted earnings were \$1.22, above Target's range of \$1.04 to \$1.14 per share.

Target says revenue at stores open at least a year rose 2.4 percent, in line with expectations. □

Pay raises, store spruce-ups crimp Wal-Mart's profit

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NEW YORK (AP) — Wal-

Mart's second-quarter earnings report was a mixed bag: Its investments to overhaul its stores are helping to perk up sales, but they're causing more pain to the bottom line than expected. The world's largest retailer cut its annual earnings outlook this week because its profits are being squeezed by pay raises for workers and efforts to make its stores cleaner and friendlier and speed up service. It also reported a 15.1 percent drop in second-quarter profit. Currency fluctuations are also dragging down results. However, the retailer posted its fourth straight quarter of increases for an im-



A Sam's Club customer, right, and store workers load previously ordered merchandise into a van at a pickup location at the Bentonville, Ark., store. Wal-Mart's second-quarter earnings report was a mixed bag.

(AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

portant sales measure, and its third straight increase in customer counts for its U.S. Wal-Mart stores.

Wal-Mart, based in Ben-

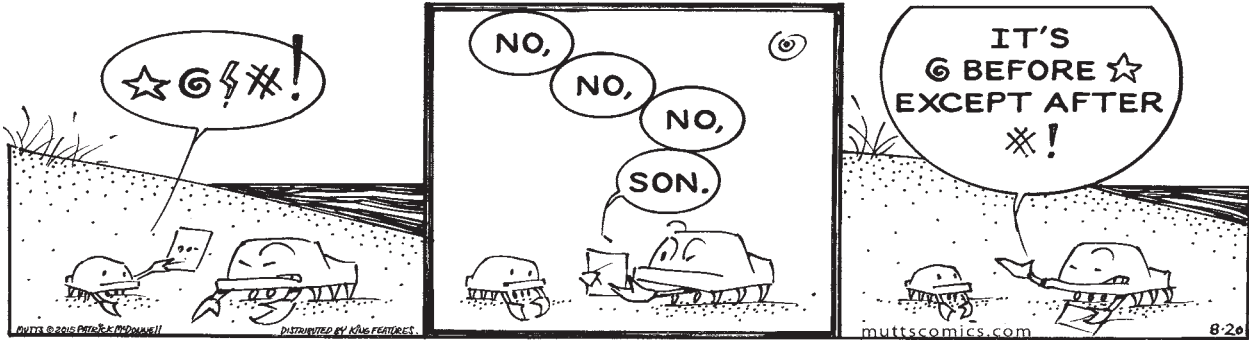
tonville, Arkansas, is facing challenges on all fronts that have resulted in its shares falling 16 percent this year. Its low-income shoppers

are still struggling in an economy that is slowly recovering, though lower gas prices are providing some lift.

The company is also facing increasing competition from online king Amazon.com and dollar stores, which are pulling in shoppers seeking low prices and convenience.

"The changes we need to make require investment, and we're pleased with the steps we've taken," Wal-Mart CEO Doug McMillon said, according to a transcript of a recorded message to investors. "We made continued progress towards our plan this quarter. Even if it's not fast as we like, the fundamentals of serving our customers are consistently improving." □

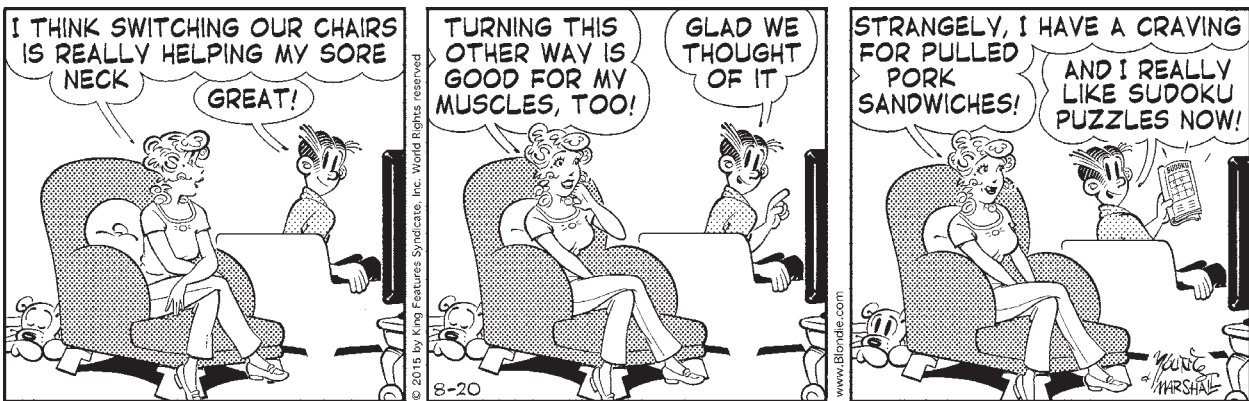
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

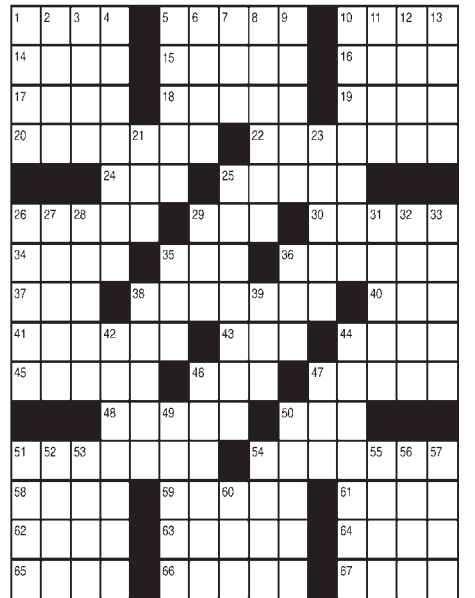
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- Roper's contest
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- Crazy as a __
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- In addition to
- Game location
- Pea casings
- Use a plus sign
- Rules
- See eye __; agree
- Desert
- Cartoon explorer
- Lubricates
- Job opening
- Acquired
- Men and boys
- Relative
- Pains
- Tartar __; fish condiment
- Participate in a school bee
- __ culpa
- Mexican Indian
- Distributed playing cards
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- That girl
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- Tightwad
- Drink like Fido
- Einstein's namesakes

- Walked like a duck
- Willful damage or violence
- Cushion
- Thin sugary coating
- Fragrant wood
- Engrave
- In __ of; as a substitute for
- Fender blemish
- Actress __ Winningham
- Hawaiian feast
- Blunders
- Writing table
- __ and flow



Members of Slovenian rock band Laibach pose during a photo shoot at Kim Il Sung Square prior to their performance in Pyongyang, North Korea, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. It's rare for North Korea to allow modern music from abroad to be performed inside the country. (AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)

Slovenian band plays Pyongyang

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PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Slovenian avant-garde rock group Laibach is known for pushing the envelope — wearing military uniforms on stage, toying with socialist and Marxist themes, making visual references to authoritarian symbols. In Pyongyang, they played songs from "The Sound of Music."

The group, known for its growling, visually charged style of music, performed Wednesday before a full house at a concert hall in Pyongyang in one of North Korea's more unusual attempts at opening the door to what is generally seen as the decadent and vaguely threatening pop culture of the West. The Sound of Music choice had some subversive ele-

ments of its own, as the original was set in the era of Nazi Germany. "It is a piece of international music, that very many people know, but at the same time it says something more, it says that the sound of music is also a language of communication," said Morten Traavik, organizer of the Laibach tour. "There is also a message behind the music, and that is music can actually sometimes even in the most adverse of circumstances, bring people together."

The concert wasn't, however, Laibach at its most provocative. The band played only one of its own numbers, and instead played mostly covers, including the Beatles "Across the Universe" and the Europop hit "The Final Countdown." □

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Q&A: What you need to know about new female libido pill

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AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials on Tuesday approved the first-ever prescription drug intended to treat women suffering from a lack of sexual desire, ending a vigorous debate over the drug's fate.

The daily pill, called Addyi, comes with warnings about risks of fainting if it is combined with certain other drugs or alcohol. Additionally, doctors won't be able to prescribe it unless they complete an online certification test.

Here's a look at the new drug from Sprout Pharmaceuticals:

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Addyi, known generically as flibanserin, acts on brain chemicals associated with mood and appetite, similar to antidepressant drugs. In fact, it was originally studied as a treatment for depression before being repurposed into a libido drug. It's not entirely clear why the drug increases sexual desire but researchers point to its ability to increase dopamine — a brain chemical associated with appetite — while lowering serotonin — another chemical linked with feelings of satiation.

WHO WILL TAKE THIS DRUG?

The FDA approved Addyi for premenopausal women with hypoactive sexual desire disorder, described as a lack of sexual appetite that causes emotional distress.

Surveys estimate that between 5.5 million to 8.6 million U.S. women have the condition, or roughly 8 to 14 percent of women ages 20 to 49. Because so many other factors affect sexual appetite, there are a number of alternate causes doctors must rule out before diagnosing the condition, including relationship problems, medical conditions and mood issues caused by other medications like sleeping aids and painkillers.

The diagnosis is not universally accepted and many psychologists argue that low sex drive should not be considered a medical condition.

I'VE HEARD THIS DECISION WAS

CONTROVERSIAL, WHY?

The drug followed a long, contentious path to approval, including two previous rejections by the FDA. For years, two opposing sides have argued over the fate of the drug. On one hand, drugmakers and some medical experts argue that women need FDA-approved medi-

answers to separate questionnaires indicated they experienced a slight increase in desire and a slight decrease in stress.

While FDA scientists describe these effects as "small," they were significant enough to meet FDA effectiveness standards.

WHY DID THE FDA APPROVE ADDYI THIS TIME AROUND?

When FDA regulators first rejected Addyi in 2010 they noted that the drug failed to achieve a key study goal — increasing desire based on patients' daily journal entries. Because of that lack of effectiveness, they said, the drug's negative side



Sprout Pharmaceuticals CEO Cindy Whitehead holds a bottle for the female sex-drive drug Addyi at her Raleigh, N.C., office on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2015. After two rejections, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave approval Tuesday for the drug, also known as flibanserin, as a treatment for hypoactive sexual desire disorder, a first for women.

Associated Press

cations to treat sexual disorders, which they consider serious medical problems. On the other side, consumer-safety advocates have said the drug's side effects are too risky, and there are those who question whether low libido is a medical condition.

On top of this debate, Sprout Pharmaceuticals enlisted outside politicians and women's groups to lobby the FDA to approve the drug.

DOES THE DRUG WORK?

Experts usually describe Addyi's effect as "modest." In company studies, women taking flibanserin reported a slight increase in sexually satisfying events each month. Their

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS?

About 10 percent of patients in Sprout's studies experienced the most common problems: dizziness, fatigue and nausea. The drug will also bear a boxed warning that women should not drink or take certain types of other medications, including antifungal drugs, because of an interaction that can cause low blood pressure and fainting.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Sprout says women who have health insurance will pay between \$30 and \$75 for a month's supply of Addyi, depending on their coverage terms.

effects outweighed its benefits.

Since then, Sprout conducted another study of sexual desire using a different method that achieved statistical significance. The company also conducted several safety studies to more clearly define the drug's risks, which are outlined in its warning label.

While the FDA is required to make all decisions based on science, critics say that the concerted lobbying effort by Sprout-funded supporters also played a role in Addyi's approval.

WHEN WILL THE DRUG BE AVAILABLE?

Sprout plans to launch the drug in mid-October. □

Spinoff 'Fear the Walking Dead' strolls into view Sunday

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two crucial questions await "Fear the Walking Dead," the spinoff to AMC's monster hit "The Walking Dead." The first: How many zombies does it take to satisfy viewers of the new drama, which begins in the early days of the robust apocalypse underway in the original? The second: How big an audience is big enough when compared to its sibling?

Let executive producer Dave Erickson start with the latter for "Fear," its short-hand title, which debuts at 9 p.m. EDT Sunday with a six-episode run.

"If I woke up every morning (thinking) 'Oh, my God,



This photo provided by AMC shows, Kim Dickens, left, as Miranda and Cliff Curtis as Sean in a scene from "Fear the Walking Dead," season 1.

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20 million viewers per episode,' I couldn't get out of bed," Erickson said, referring to the ballpark number of viewers "The Walking Dead" has approached in its highest-rated airings.

"We've written and (the cast) have played a very strong season. I think people will enjoy it and eventually love it for its own merits and how it complements the other show," he said.

AMC, in rebuilding mode after the departures of flagship series "Breaking Bad" and "Mad Men," already placed a 15-episode order for season two, a vote of confidence that the spinoff will prove a winner.

Devotees of "The Walking Dead," which is rife with zombie vs human action in its small-town Georgia setting, will find the undead in relatively short supply in the early going of "Fear." And "Walking Dead" isn't back until Oct. 11, so zombie fans are in the throes of withdrawal.

"We never (create) a story thinking we should add that because we're missing a zombie moment," Erickson said. "We have an episode with no zombies, and we'll probably have another episode in season two with no zombies. And that's OK."

But there are other satisfactions to be had. Unlike "Walking Dead," which opened in a post-apocalyptic world overrun by zombies, not-so-fondly nick-

named "walkers," the new series' initial focus is on setting and characters as they exist before the crisis takes hold.

The original series "is a brilliant construct, the way they elipsed over the actual apocalypse, the way they were able to jump into it," Erickson said in an interview. "Because we don't do that, we have an opportunity to explore a little more deeply and spend more time with it."

So will the origin of the zombie outbreak be revealed? "No. Short answer, no," he said at a recent TV critics' meeting.

The presence of the "infected," as they're called here, is definitely spotty early on but still very, very scary.

"Fear" unfolds in the concrete jungle of Los Angeles, specifically East LA, and makes the most of its ordinariness. This isn't glitzy Hollywood or entitled Malibu getting its comeuppance; it's a hard-working, ethnically diverse community where residents cope with challenges familiar in urban America.

For the blended family of Madison Clark (Kim Dickens) and Travis Manawa (Cliff Curtis), that includes Madison's son Nick, a teen with a drug habit. He's played by British-born actor Frank Dillane (Tom Riddle Jr. in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"), here with a decided Johnny Depp-bad boy look and California vibe.

Other cast members include Ruben Blades, Mercedes Mason, Alycia Debnam Carey and Elizabeth Rodriguez.

The premiere's impressively cinematic opening sequence shows Nick coming to in an abandoned church serving as a shooting gallery for drug users. The waking nightmare he's destined to encounter is from the menace that's descending on the city, not just his addiction.

He's got the parental support he needs for both: His school counselor mom and her partner, a teacher, are mature and caring grown-ups with their hearts and minds in the right place. □

Shannen Doherty's lawsuit reveals actress has breast cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shannen Doherty is battling breast cancer that worsened during a lapse in her health insurance caused by her former business managers, the actress claimed in a lawsuit filed Wednesday.

The former "Beverly Hills, 90210" star claims that her former business managers and accountants mismanaged her money and allowed her health insurance to lapse last year.

Because of that, she said she didn't go to the doctor until she had insurance and there was a delay in diagnosing her cancer, which will likely require more drastic treatments, including a possible mastectomy and chemotherapy.

Doherty, 44, received the diagnosis in March and her doctors have said earlier treatment might have stopped its spread, the lawsuit states.

An attorney for the accounting firm Tanner Mainstain Glynn & Johnson denied the company caused Doherty's health insurance to lapse.

"Tanner Mainstain is saddened to learn that Ms. Doherty is suffering from cancer and wishes her a full recovery," the company's



In this Oct. 27, 2010 file photo, actress Shannen Doherty, right, and Kurt Iswarienko attend 'The Gentleman's Ball' hosted by GQ Magazine at the Edison Ballroom in New York.

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attorney, Randall J. Dean, wrote in a statement. "However, the claim that Tanner Mainstain caused her to be uninsured, prevented her from seeking medical care, or somehow contributed to her cancer is patently false. Tanner Mainstain will aggressively defend all of Ms. Doherty's claims in court."

Doherty's husband, photographer Kurt Iswarienko, also is suing the firm and its former partner, Steven D. Blatt, accusing them of mismanaging the couple's money and leading to other financial troubles, including tax audits and liens.

A phone message for Blatt

was not immediately returned.

The lawsuits do not specify how much damages Doherty and Iswarienko are seeking. Doherty has been unable to work since the diagnosis.

"The spread of the cancer has caused (Doherty) severe emotional distress," the lawsuit states.

"The relationship between a business manager and its client is based on trust, in honesty and competence," Doherty's attorney, Devin McRae, wrote in a statement. "That trust was violated here, and we hope that the defendants will correct it in a responsible manner." □

Beatles' first recording contract to be auctioned next month

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Beatles' first recording contract was signed in Hamburg, Germany, where the band honed its craft performing in the city's boisterous nightclub district.

The 1961 recording session produced the single "My Bonnie." It was released on the Polydor label in Germany only and never hit the top charts. But the tune led directly to the Beatles' discovery back home, a contract with EMI the following year and their first hit, "Love Me Do."

Heritage Auctions will auction the six-page contract in New York on Sept. 19 for an estimated \$150,000. It's the centerpiece of a Beatles collection spanning the band's entire career. It's being sold by the estate of Uwe Blaschke, a German graphic designer and noted Beatles historian who died in 2010.

"Not many people know that the Beatles started their careers in Germany," said Beatles expert Ulf Kruger. "The Beatles had their longest stint in a club in Hamburg at the Top Ten Club. They played there three months in a row, every night. The style they invented in Liverpool, they cultivated in Hamburg."

"Without this contract all of the pieces wouldn't have fallen into place," added Dean Harmeyer, Heritage's



This undated photo provided by Heritage Auctions from an upcoming Beatles collection sale shows a set of four psychedelic posters by Richard Avedon commissioned by the German magazine Stern in 1966, which will be auctioned in New York on Sept. 19.

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consignment director for music memorabilia, who said the band was "a ramshackle, amateur band" when they first went to Germany. "They were probably a C class in the pantheon of Liverpool bands." But their stints in Hamburg between 1960 and 1962 changed that.

"It really is where they honed their musical skills to become the Beatles," he said. "They set about learning new material, they worked on their instrumental abilities."

But it was "crazy luck" that got them to Hamburg, he said.

Their booking agent for-

tuitously ran into a club owner looking for rock 'n' roll bands to perform in his Hamburg nightclub. The Beatles were not the agent's first choice and wound up going only after other bands declined.

When the Beatles — John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and original drummer Pete Best — were later hired to be the backup band for British singer/guitarist Tony Sheridan at the Top Ten Club, German record producer Bert Kaempfert signed them and Sheridan to record a rock 'n' roll version of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean." "My Bonnie" netted the Beatles about \$80. It was credited to "Tony Sheridan and the Beat Boys" because Kaempfert felt the name "Beatles" would not cut it with Germans.

"The Beatles didn't care what they were signing as long as it was for a recording contract," said Kruger. The only copies that made it out of Germany initially were the ones sent to the Beatles back home in Liverpool, England. After a local club disc jockey got his hands on one and started playing it, music fans began asking for it. That got the attention of Liverpool record shop owner Brian Epstein, who decided to hear them perform at the Cavern Club.

"He immediately sees their potential. He tells them 'I

want to manage you and I'll make you successful'" — and he did, going on to secure them a record contract with EMI, Harmeyer said.

"Every great collector wants their collection to be illuminative of the subject, and Blaschke's collection does this so well largely because it also covers the German period," he said. "It covers everything else. He's got stuff from 'Sgt. Pepper' and 'Abbey Road' and the later things ... but he's got this great trove of things that are specific to Hamburg. That's really where the story started ... it's where they really become the Beatles."

Other highlights and their pre-sale estimates include: — A 1962 autographed copy of "Love Me Do," the first single recorded with Ringo. \$10,000.

— A 1960 postcard Ringo sent to his grandmother from Hamburg. \$4,000.

— A Swiss restaurant menu card signed by the Beatles while they were filming "HELP" in 1965. \$12,000.

— A set of four psychedelic posters by Richard Avedon commissioned by the German magazine Stern in 1966. Estimate: \$5,000.

The auction comes on the 55th anniversary of the Beatles' first trip to Hamburg and 50 years after the Fab Four's record-breaking performance at Shea Stadium in Queens, New York. □



In this image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment, Yvonne Craig portrays the crime-fighting Batgirl in the 1960s TV hit "Batman."

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NEW YORK (AP) — Yvonne Craig, who played the sexy,

Yvonne Craig, who played Batgirl in the 1960s, dies at 78

crime-fighting Batgirl in the 1960s TV hit "Batman," has died. She was 78.

Craig died Monday at her Los Angeles home from complications from breast cancer, her family said.

She began her career as a ballet dancer, the youngest member of The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, with which she toured for three years.

Then she was discovered by Hollywood, appearing in a 1958 episode of "Perry Mason" and in the 1959

feature "The Young Land." After that, she won dozens of roles in TV shows, as well as co-starring in two 1960s Elvis Presley films, "It Happened at the World's Fair" and "Kissin' Cousins."

But she was best known as Batgirl (and her alter ego, librarian Barbara Gordon, Commissioner Gordon's daughter) in the 1967-68 season of ABC's "Batman." Another memorable TV role, from an episode of the original "Star Trek": the green Orion Slave Girl who

wanted to kill Captain Kirk. Her many other TV appearances included "Dobie Gillis," "77 Sunset Strip," "Dr. Kildare," "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," "Mod Squad," "Love, American Style," "Kojak" and "The Six Million Dollar Man."

In later years, Craig pursued various business ventures, but also did voiceover work, including the role of Grandma in the recent Nickelodeon cartoon series "Olivia." □

Colombia revisits violent past in Pablo Escobar biopic

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— When it comes to drug lords, there's no matching Pablo Escobar. More than two decades after he was gunned down, his vast wealth, megalomania and ruthless violence still mesmerize, as evidenced by the attention surrounding Netflix's upcoming series "Narcos" about the cartel boss.

The biopic promises to be an authentic portrayal of Escobar, so it's only natural that Brazilian director and executive producer Jose Padilha chose to film the 10-episode series in Medellin, the murder capital of the world during the drug kingpin's heyday in the 1980s.

Filming the series here would have been unthinkable a few years ago, with Colombians still blaming Escobar for their country's hard-to-shake association with drug trafficking. But as memories of Escobar's terror campaign fade, and with the homicide rate at a decade low, Colombians are starting to view their violent past more dispassionately. So much so that cinema-loving President Juan Manuel Santos agreed to pick up \$2 million in production costs so Netflix could film in the country.

The series, which debuts Aug. 28, is based on the account of Steve Murphy and Javier Pena, now retired Drug Enforcement Administration agents who were assigned to bring the drug lord down. It's one of several projects reviving interest in the man known as the "King of Cocaine," including last year's film "Escobar: Paradise Lost," starring Benicio del Toro. At least two more movies about Escobar are in development.

Because of the lingering sensitivities about the bad reputation Escobar gave Colombia, Netflix executives and Padilha flew to Bogota last year to meet with Santos before filming. The president, whose family brought the Cinemark movie chain to Colombia,



This undated production photo provided by Netflix, shows actor Wagner Moura as Pablo Escobar, in the Netflix Original Series "Narcos."

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This undated production photo provided by Netflix, shows actors Pedro Pascal, left, as Javier Pena, and Boyd Holbrook as Steve Murphy in the Netflix Original Series "Narcos."

immediately embraced the project, said Claudia Triana, head of the state-funded Proimagenes film promotion agency. But Santos urged Padilha not to romanticize a criminal who promoted himself as a Colombian Robin Hood despite ordering thousands of people killed, from presidential candidates to passengers on a commercial jetliner he had blown up. Triana said that no matter where the series was made it would have presented the same image of Colombia, so it was preferable to have it filmed here to make foreign members of the

cast and crew more sensitive to the toll Escobar's bloodbath had on society. Netflix, with local production partner Dynamo, got the big subsidy to film under an initiative Santos' government launched in 2013 to market Colombia as South America's premier shooting location. The administration pays for up to 40 percent of filming costs to foreign producers who hire local crews and spend at least \$600,000 in the country.

While some officials feared the series would portray the country negatively, Triana said resistance to filmed

keepers of his memories: his family," Marroquin told The Associated Press in an email. He is the author of a book and documentary about his relationship with his father.

Pena and Murphy, who were technical consultants for the series, said Padilha and the actors worked hard to provide an accurate look at what was then the world's largest manhunt. Brazilian actor Wagner Moura, who stars as Escobar, studied Spanish in Medellin to approach the capo's thick regional accent. Pedro Pascal and Boyd Holbrook, who play Pena and Murphy, embedded with real-life anti-narcotics agents at the DEA's academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Murphy, who together with Pena travels the U.S. speaking about their role taking down Escobar, said they also wanted to make sure the countless heroes among Colombia's police got "credit for the work they did and the risks they took." He proudly visited the set in Bogota with his wife and the two Colombian-born daughters they adopted when they lived here.

Huge quantities of cocaine still flow out of Colombia and violence continues at chronically high levels. Last year's homicide rate, while the lowest in a decade, was still almost six times that of the U.S.

But the possibility of Colombia becoming a narco state, a real threat during Escobar's time, has lifted, said Medellin writer Hector Abad Faciolince, allowing Colombians to view the drug trade more objectively.

"A few years ago we Colombians were overzealous when it came to displaying our sores, our vices and our wounds," said Faciolince, whose father, a human rights activist, was killed by right-wing paramilitaries during an especially violent period that coincided with Escobar's reign. "Now we handle it better because it seems that the worst is behind us." □

depictions of Colombia's violent history has eased in part because of wildly popular soap operas known as "narconovelas" that present an unvarnished view of the drug wars.

Still, Congressman Rodrigo Lara said he's skeptical that Colombia's complex history can be accurately rendered in a series whose trailer teases audiences in English: "There's No Business Like Blow Business," using a slang word for cocaine.

"When you take real events and convert them into several episodes for a TV series, the need to entertain and keep the audience hooked is always going to predominate," said Lara, whose father, a justice minister, was slain by Escobar's hit men in 1984. Escobar's son, who changed his name to Sebastian Marroquin and moved to Argentina after his father's death, also questions how accurate the Netflix depiction will be.

"I'm not very convinced by stories sold as truthful that use my father's name without authorization and purposefully ignore the main

Backpage ad site: Aider of traffickers or way to stop them?

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CHICAGO (AP) — The adult ads on Backpage.com are endless — written in a sort of risqué code to avoid implying something illegal, yet still obvious invitations for sex, adorned with suggestive photos and videos. Many in the fight against sex trafficking loathe the website, particularly since some escorts in the ads have turned out to be minors who've been forced into the sex trade. An Illinois sheriff is among those targeting Backpage and recently helped convince Visa and Mastercard to stop providing payment services to the site.

"Whoever it is that's facilitating these horrible crimes, we can't just sit back and say, 'Well, that's OK. I guess it's a business model,'" said Thomas Dart, the sheriff in Cook County, Illinois, which includes Chicago.

He spoke to The Associated Press the day before a judge issued a restraining order, preventing Dart from making further comment until a Backpage lawsuit against him — seeking a retraction of his statements to credit card companies and damages for lost revenue — is resolved. Meanwhile, Backpage, with headquarters in Dallas and a parent corporation in Amsterdam, has continued to operate, allowing users to place free basic ads in its adult category.

Backpage attorneys, citing the U.S. Constitution and federal statutes, argue that a public figure shouldn't be allowed to interfere with a law-abiding company's ability to do e-commerce. Liz McDougall, general counsel, has long said that Backpage simply provides space for the ads but doesn't create the content. And she takes it a step further, claiming that Backpage routinely works behind the scenes with law enforcement to help put traffickers behind bars.

When it comes to fighting sex trafficking, "I am a true believer that this is one of the most valuable tools there is on the Internet," said McDougall, who's

based in Los Angeles.

At least one anti-trafficking group has been willing to work with Backpage to rescue young women and has accepted substantial donations from the site.

And even as some in law enforcement point a finger of blame at Backpage, others on the front lines of the fight against sex trafficking see the site as an ally — even if sometimes uncomfortably so.

"I don't feel like demonizing them is the appropriate response. I feel like we should

ads and made at least \$9 million.

Some ads are posted by sex workers such as Grace Marie, a dominatrix in Los Angeles who tweeted recently to complain about Dart's campaign.

"As a system, Backpage is decidedly anti-pimp. It creates a direct and easy-to-use interface between providers and clients," Grace Marie said when contacted by the AP. She uses her first and middle names in her work and asked that her last name not be used,

help pimps sell kids? Since when is that legal in the United States of America?" asked Erik Bauer, an attorney in Tacoma, Washington state, who is representing four young women in a lawsuit against Backpage. They are seeking damages from the site because their convicted traffickers used it to sell them for sex when they were 7th and 9th graders.

Besides providing law enforcement with information about who posts an ad, McDougall says that Back-

page could do more to stop repeat ads, for instance.

"Mere reporting has fallen short," said Staca Shehan, executive director of the center's case analysis division, which oversees the organization's child sex trafficking team.

And because age is so difficult to verify, even Backpage's allies concede that the system is not perfect.

"There's no question that kids are going to slip through on some of those ads," said Lois Lee. She is



Grace Marie, a sex worker and dominatrix, poses for a photo in Los Angeles. As someone who posts advertisements on Backpage.com, she says, "As a system, Backpage is decidedly anti-pimp. It creates a direct and easy-to-use interface between providers and clients." (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

be working with them and focusing on ... things that could make a difference," said Sgt. Grant Snyder, the lead detective on the human trafficking team at the Minneapolis Police Department.

Like officials in other big-city departments, he confirms that he regularly gets information directly from Backpage that helps convict traffickers and rescue victims.

Dart says the help hardly justifies the crush of ads the site creates. He estimated that the company, in April alone, published more than 1.4 million adult services

citing safety concerns and the fact that her work is illegal.

The bigger concern among law enforcement, however, is sex trafficking.

Victims are not always, as many think, women or children smuggled in from foreign countries to work as sex slaves. Police say sex trafficking is as much a homegrown crime — with victims who could be from just around the corner, controlled by pimps with drugs and alcohol or threats.

Its critics claim that Backpage helps promote this illegal trade.

"How is it possibly legal to

page employees watch the site's content closely and send suspicious ads to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

In March, for instance, police in Panama City, Florida, arrested two Illinois men — Dashawn Taylor and Kevin Dante Finley — and charged them with procuring a minor for prostitution. Police found the two men with a 16-year-old girl at a Panama City hotel after Backpage reported an ad with a photo of an underage girl to NCMEC's sexual exploitation CyberTipline.

Still, NCMEC's top online analysis expert said Back-

the founder and director of Children of the Night, a residential program in Van Nuys, California, for young people, ages 11 to 17, who are attempting to leave prostitution.

By the end of this year, Backpage will have donated \$700,000 to Children of the Night since 2012 — all of it, Lee said, used to feed, clothe and educate young women who come to her, often by way of police departments across the country, many who work with Backpage. The site also runs public service ads for a Children of the Night rescue hotline. □